

The Bethel Citizen

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Middle-school reading program scoring points

Computers help custom tailor individual programs; kids get more choice of what they read

By REBECCA ZICARELI

"I like it because it's helped me read faster. It's helped my skills as a reader," said Shaun Hunt.

Shaun, an 11-year-old sixth grader at Telstar Middle School, is one of many students excited about the new Accelerated Reader Program. The program was introduced this year.

Traditionally, reading skills instruction takes place in reading class, with the class reading a single novel selected by the teacher.

But reading levels of students in any given class can vary widely, ranging from third-grade through post high school.

Books that are below reading level fail to challenge advanced readers, while students with reading skills below grade level may become frustrated by a book that is too difficult. Some students may be turned off to reading.

Kelley Beauchesne, the eighth-grade Language-Arts teacher asked the kids, "How much do you read?"

"As a whole," she said, "they don't read unless they are required to." Often, TV took up a lot more of their time than books did.

The Accelerated Reader Program is a self-directed, technology-based reading program that helps motivate kids to practice reading.

Earning points

The program uses computer technology to help each student assess and improve his or her reading level.

At the beginning of the program, all TMS students took a diagnostic test on a computer. The test helps determine reading levels, and identifies the range of appropriate reading material for each student.

With the test results in hand, the reading teacher then helps each student set a reading goal for each ranking period.

The students choose a book from a list provided. Each book is as-

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Mt. Abram's guns aimed at weekend opening

Temps falling and Dudley's doin' all right

By ALISON ALOISIO

If Mother Nature provides enough freezing nighttime temperatures this week, Mt. Abram should open this weekend.

"We have three or four feet of snow at the top of the mountain," owner Randy Dunican said Monday. "It's the lower elevations (that are holding up the opening)."

Warm temperatures since Thanksgiving have slowed the opening and terrain expansion of many Northeast ski areas.

Mt. Abram's snowmakers have been at work every night that conditions have been cold enough. Dunican and his crew were hopeful the nights would be chilly enough to let them finish covering at least one trail top to bottom.

That trail is Dudley Doright, an intermediate run. As of Wednesday, the trail appeared to be in good shape for opening.

Dunican said he also hopes the

middle expert trail (Boris Badenough) will also be ready for the weekend.

Whenever opening day arrives, skiers will ride a beefed-up double chairlift that will take them up the mountain faster than before.

"We have all new engines for the chair," said Dunican. He has no plans in the future to go to a quadruple chairlift. "We can move all the people we need to," he said, with the double chair.

When the skiers get to the top, they'll find some changes to the Easy Rider and Snake trails. Some troublesome ledge, for example, has been removed.

One thing skiers won't find is more night skiing. In fact, Mt. Abram is cutting its night operation back to just two - Thursday and Friday evenings.

The more frequent nights in previous seasons, said Dunican, "taxed the crews too hard," for the amount of use the slopes saw.

Thursday and Friday evenings generate the greatest business, he said, with high school ski teams and other large groups providing most of the numbers.

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Rovaniemi, Finland's strong tradition of producing top Nordic skiers, combined with the reliable snow and arctic culture made an ideal site for Gould Academy's Nordic team to fine tune their technique in early season training over a recent school holiday.

Shown here in the Ovnasvara Ski Stadium during a break in training, are Justin Hautaniemi, Dick Taylor, and Forest Fyrburg of the Bethel area, and Ronan Donovan of White River Junction, Vt.

(Photo by Patrick Cote)

Scenic highway foes in minority at second hearing

As things stand now, the town could do little to control a major project coming into the Bear River area.

By ALISON ALOISIO

A straw poll at a hearing last week found a majority of two dozen Newry residents in favor of extending Route 26's "scenic" designation south to Newry Corner.

But the informal vote came only after many had expressed a fresh round of worries about the possible impact on the area and its landowners.

If a committee studying the issue now makes its own recommendation in favor of the designation, and

Newry selectmen concur, the road will be considered for state enhancement funding. The money could be used to put up explanatory and interpretive signage and add or

improve turnouts along the 22-mile stretch of road.

Currently, 14 miles of the road, much of it in Grafton Notch State Park, are designated scenic. Upton

selectmen have already endorsed extending the designation through Upton to the New Hampshire border.

Throughout the past 10 months of the committee's work, members and other residents have expressed concerns that such a designation might lead to restrictions on property owners' use of their own land. And improvements to the road might bring more traffic to the area,

See HIGHWAY, page 4

Fire truck upgrade approved at Greenwood meeting

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Greenwood Fire Department will be able to beef up the new 4WD it hopes to have in service by the coming spring.

At a special Town Meeting Tuesday evening, voters agreed to add an additional \$22,000 to the \$53,000 that had been allocated for the truck at Greenwood's annual

Town Meeting in March.

The additional money will be used to purchase a higher capacity pump than originally planned, said town Fire Chief Raymond Seames, as well as to fit the truck out with a higher quality, more functional body.

The upgrade will in effect convert the new unit from one designed to

battle woods fires, into one that is also suitable for first attack on structure fires.

Seames said the department wanted to make the change in order to be better able to deal with structure fires in the more remote parts of town, where an increasing number of homes are being built.

There are already some homes

the department's present equipment cannot reach at any time in the year, he said, and more homes that cannot be reached for significant parts of the year due to seasonally poor road conditions.

Discussion of the matter Tuesday lasted for a little over 30 minutes.

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Christmas church services

Andover

First Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational—Dec. 19: Christmas Cantata, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m. Dec. 31: Millennium service, 9 p.m. to midnight (devotionals, testimonials, songs, praises; soup, sandwiches, chowders).

Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Dec. 24: Readings and Carols service, 7 p.m.; Communion and Candlelight, 11 p.m. Dec. 26: Family service, 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Dec. 18: Mass, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24: Masses, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Dec. 25: Mass, 5 p.m. Dec. 31: Mass, 5 p.m.

Bethel Alliance—Dec. 18: "Christmas in Bethel" caroling, 6 p.m. on Common. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m. Dec. 26: Morning worship service, 10 a.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene—Dec. 19: Christmas cantata "Once Upon a Child," 6 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Dec. 17: Christmas caroling, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7 p.m. Dec. 26: Worship service, 10 a.m. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve service, 7 p.m.

Bethel Methodist—Dec. 24: Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

West Bethel Union—Dec. 19: morning service, 9 a.m.; candlelight service, 7 p.m.

East Stoneham/North Waterford

Oxford County United Parish—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m. at North Waterford Church.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Congregational—Dec. 19: Advent service, 6 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m. (readings, carols, candlelight and communion). Dec. 26: 6 p.m. worship. Jan. 2: worship, 6 p.m.

West Paris

West Paris Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service with variety of music, 4 p.m.

West Paris Baptist—Dec. 19: Christmas cantata, 9 a.m.; live manger scene and program, 6 p.m. (special music and text from Luke 2), followed by refreshments and evening service. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service with variety of music, 7 p.m.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Dec. 19: Christmas Sunday School program at morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Christmas cantata, 6 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7 p.m.

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Letters

JUST DOING WHAT HAD TO BE DONE

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Miss Roderick's letter in last week's Citizen. Our thoughts seem to clash a bit.

Being a graduate of Telstar High School, I feel it necessary to express my opinion on the matter at hand. I can relate to what our students are going through; I survived my share of bomb threats as well. Though things were a bit different a few years ago, I know many of my fellow students and I would have been grateful to see these members of the community trying to resolve this problem so that we could get on with our lives. I commend the Police Department and the school officials on a job well done. As far as the steps these officials chose to take, they seemed to be necessary and effective.

Look at society today -- is it safe? Would parents want their children to go through this? Wouldn't they want their children to be safe in their place of higher learning?

While I was in school, I felt much the same way about the police officers as many of the students do now. However, my outlook changed one day when I asked one of those police officers why they were so hard on students. Even though I was young and naïve at the time, I still understood his answer. He replied, "You are the future and we just want to make sure you're alive when it comes time to get that diploma. And after that you are on your own."

If I were to trust anyone in this town, it would be the school officials and the police officers. I would also be thankful that there were people in my community that are looking out for me and trying to help me succeed. These officials were only doing what they needed to do to ensure the future of the school. If that means taking drastic steps to assure the safety and wellness of our children, then so be it.

I realize that Bethel has received some bad publicity due to these bomb threats, but I am proud to be a part of this community. In closing, remember this -- it wasn't the school officials or the local Police Department that brought this matter upon the town -- they were simply doing their jobs. It was the few "bad apples" in that group of students that brought the problem upon all of us.

Jason Berry
West Bethel

LAND SWAP - OPPONENT'S VIEW

To the Editor:

In the Dec. 9 issue of The Bethel Citizen, Samuel Wiles of Waterford asks what my accusation has to do with the WMNF-Zerbst land swap.

If I own land next to Mr. Wiles and I plant flowers on both sides of the boundary line, is it okay? Is it okay as long as you don't notice? Can I continue planting on your side as long as you don't notice and I'm doing a good job? If you finally notice I am trespassing and encroaching on your land, because I have done this good job, may I have your land? I've got a piece of unkempt land you can have in exchange.

Zerbst has encroached trespassed on Area "C" owned by the WMNF, a few feet at a time until the mowed area (which receives regular mowing) extends back to the tree line. His caring in the manner he has is certainly suspect to me. There are three wildlife-orchard areas a stone's throw from Zerbst's property. If this implication was not his intent, why did he not give this care and attention to the other two orchard/wildlife areas? These two orchards were lucky to receive an occasional broken limb removal, and any work done in these two orchards is recent. The WMNF hires a person with a "bush hog" to mow these orchards. As a hunter, where will you find the deer? On a manicured lawn, or in an area where brush and tall grass is allowed to grow? Are deer not more likely to feed (and other wildlife) where they feel hidden and safe?

Please note the area containing Area "C" is not even on the same side of the Mud City Road as Zerbst's camp, or the spring.

District Ranger Pozzuto proposed a plan that would lessen encumbrances to the WMNF by two pins. This is the reason Pozzuto gives for the swap. Zerbst would be rewarded for violations with this proposal.

Ranger Pozzuto now is in possession of a plan that will lessen encumbrances by six pins. Area "C" would not be included. Zerbst will have the spring and land on each side of his camp of comparable value to the land he has to swap. This will not provide Zerbst any additional river frontage, but it will give him a more uniform piece of land. The WMNF will also have a uniform piece of land, and six less encumbrances.

Zerbst's violations and the results thereof appear not to have impressed him enough to change his practices.

You can just bet when Scot Howe bought this property and we took it out of tree growth to allow us to log marketable timber, LURC paid us a visit. We soon found out that the trees our logger removed along the brook, coupled with the trees the previous owner cut was in violation, and that you can only cut so much of the canopy covering the brook before you're in hot water. Our "not knowing" did not sell, nor should Zerbst's. It's called responsibility.

Should Zerbst now acquire Area "C"? Absolutely, positively, unequivocally, no.

As for Mr. Wiles' accusation that I am motivated by jealousy, my reply is, "No, I'm motivated by morals." I live in a historic area, on 18-plus acres of land, in a pristine setting. I have a great relationship with Mr. Howe, four beautiful daughters, 10 great, talented grandchildren, two dogs and two cats. I am a survivor and I thank God daily for the health I have. I live in a country where I can speak out against wrongs, vote and have many freedoms.

I have deer, moose, bear and all kinds of wildlife in my backyard. I am blessed to be able to walk out my door and into a National Forest that provides me with opportunity to participate in any recreational activity I might choose. I am in no way a jealous person.

Would I really break the law to get action on Howe's spring permit? Absolutely not. We have to set the example we want our young people to follow.

The National Forest depends on us, and we on it. I was amazed to learn that out of the 245 scoping letters mailed in this matter, only seven responses were received. If more of the facts in this matter were made available at the time, would it have made a difference? I hope so.

Leigh Gadbois
Albany Township

REMEMBERING ALLAN FRASER

To the Editor:

For something like 20 years, Allan Fraser was a frequent visitor to the Bethel Historical Society. I don't recall just how he became a "regular" at the society, but presume it was through his nephew Dick that he came to be acquainted with a number of us on the staff and those volunteers helping in the office. From the beginning, it was clear that Al Fraser was a special person, whose enthusiasm for the past was contagious. He spent much of his retirement traveling around the area to antique shops, auctions, flea markets, yard sales, etc., seeing what he could find in the way of old photos and yesterday's ephemera. It was always surprising just what he would come up with, and we were often intrigued with his "finds." Quite frequently he donated some of these "one-of-a-kind" items to the society.

As time went on and we became better acquainted with Al, it was a challenge on his part to "stump" Randy Bennett on the whereabouts of some particular photo. Randy is unusually good at remembering the details of thousands of images through his years in local and regional history. His near-photographic memory has served him well and usually did not fail when Al came up with what he termed "a winner," some photo that was both interesting and unusual. Every once in a while, Al discovered one that confounded even Randy. How he laughed with glee that Randy had been "stumped," but he always remained in awe of Randy's skills as a photographic sleuth.

Tuesday was one day we could expect Al to visit. That is the day Jane Hosterman came to volunteer as the society's registrar. She was a particular favorite of Al's, as she was genuinely interested in what he would bring to show her. He delighted in confronting her with questions as to the whereabouts of a particular photo or the use of some artifact. How he laughed at her wild guesses.

Al was always generous in sharing his knowledge with others. I well recall the time a Gould Academy student spent several hours with him in the society's research library discussing logging. The student was fascinated with Al's remarkable photos and his detailed knowledge. I expect he will remember that time many years from now.

For years, Al copied photographs and made slides of them for the society. How he enjoyed that annual slide show, where he held forth assisting me in annotating what was on the screen and how significant it was.

One of the qualities Al had which endeared him to both native and newcomer was that he was the same to both, full of enthusiasm and excitement about the history of the region. All one had to have is an interest in the "old stuff" to become one of his friends.

When the society undertook the publication of the Richardson Lakes book, Al was its strongest supporter. Not only did he become a sponsor, but shared many images from his extensive photo collection with the society for the book. When he was thanked for his help, his response was thoroughly practical, "That's what they are for."

Just a couple years ago, Al, Doris Fraser, Randy and I went with Ted and Janette Orino in their boat around Richardson Lakes. What a remarkable time that was for him as well as the rest of us. I was so glad he was able to go. He talked about that trip for the rest of his days.

Al rarely missed a monthly meeting and often brought some unusual item for those attending to see. He loved "What's It Night" and could usually be counted upon for bringing "a winner" to that time each year when those attending provided the program. Appropriately, Al was long a member of the society's Collections Committee.

Probably Al's favorite time each year for the last 10 years was the farming/logging exhibit held each Sudbury Canada Days in my barn. It was his time to share his extensive knowledge of logging and bring some of his artifacts and photographs to show all who visited during those August days. My father was often with Al at that time, discussing his memories of farming and logging as well. Last summer, Al was not able to make his usual commitment and my father had died in June. We still had the exhibit and others took their places and did a fine job of "carrying on," but I missed Al's zest for and true love of the past that he conveyed to all who were willing to listen. It was also quite different without my father as well, since he and Al always had such a good time telling all their tales of yesterday's adventures in the woods. When I heard Al had died this Monday, I thought how coincidental and in a way appropriate. It would have been my father's 82nd birthday. I'll bet he and Al, wherever they may be, are "talking up a storm right now."

Stan Howe
Bethel

THANKS TO THE HALL MONITORS

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank all Telstar Middle/High School hall monitors for their time and effort during the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 3. Their willingness to serve as volunteers provided a safe and comfortable atmosphere for our students and gave them a definite indication that parents and citizens care for all members of our schools. It was a pleasure for me to work with the volunteers, and their input, concern and good conversation were appreciated. On behalf of all of us at Telstar Middle/High School, we extend our sincere thank you.

Charles Newell
Ed. Tech II, Telstar Regional High School

2000 SNOWMEN FESTIVAL

To the Editor:

Bethel's 2000 Snowmen Festival Committee, with the help of Dave Berry, Jim Sysko and Emily Beers will be building a 1/12 scale replica of Angus, King of the Mountain, the "Guinness Book of Records" World's Tallest Snowman, on the Bethel Common as part of the New Year's Bethel celebration.

Sunday River Ski Resort is committed to making the snow (we may need trucking) and is planning to deliver snow to the common the week before Christmas. Dave, Jim and Emily are making the forms needed to replicate last winter's effort.

It would be great to get the community's help with the accessories. We need ideas. Deb Piccarillo at Telstar has Angus' hat and we'll be using a piece of that. I understand we can get a scarf from Wight's Tights, Etc. We will need two five-inch wreaths for the eyes and a seven-inch carrot for the nose. We were thinking we could use five three-inch rolls of black electrical tape or whatever for the mouth, three four-inch black-colored something or others with "Bethel Maine" painted on them for the buttons, and two two-foot saplings or tree tops for the arms. We are looking for volunteers who would like to work on this project and who are interested in helping to construct this miniature replica during the week prior to New Year's Eve.

If anyone has suggestions or items that could be used for the Angus replica, have an interest in volunteering to pack snow, or would like to find out more about the upcoming events, please contact the chamber office at 824-2282, e-mail us at info@bethelmaine.com or speak with one of the following committee members: Brad Jerome or Glenn Gordon (Sunday River Ski Resort), Jim Mann (Mt. Mann Jewelers), Steve Wight (Sunday River Inn), Becky Secrest (Moore Recycling Associates), Sonya Jenke (Mead), Kathy Thrall (Inn at the Rostay), Rocky Freida (Sun Valley Sports), Mary McPheters (SRSR), or Emily Beers (Bethel Area Chamber).

New Year's Eve is also the night of the Lighted Vehicle Parade. Everyone is welcome to join the parade and our hope is to have a full turnout of people dressed as snowmen. Here is a chance to go incognito as Angus, Frosty, or any other snowman. It's a lighted-vehicle parade for cars, pickup trucks, scooters or bicycles -- a license for vehicle creativity.

There are lots of fun things planned for Bethel's 2000 Snowmen Festival. Flyers and registration forms will be inserted in next week's Citizen and available in the chamber office.

Paula Wheeler
Bethel's 2000 Snowmen Festival Committee

BRICKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

To the Editor:

Many thanks to all those who are helping with the brick walkway project. Their enthusiasm and support are helping us reach our goal. We hope no one misses out. Bricks are still available at Designs, The Main Press, Ruthie's, the Town Office, and this Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the gazebo next to Mothers Restaurant.

Again, many thanks.

Deena Guillet
For the Millennium Committee



TREES, like this large evergreen on the headmaster's lawn at Gould Academy, came down all over the area Saturday as winds gusted to 80 mph. The wind also ripped shingles off roofs. Some homes in the region lost power for several hours.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Jewel Clark's just-released first tape recording, "Facets," was played on local radio stations. All recording and production work was done at The Outlook studio in Bethel.

The SAD44 School Board approved Levi Brown and Robert Remington as co-coaches of the Telstar baseball team.

Telstar Regional High School field hockey halfback, Mary Beth Hannon, and fullback, Shannon Tyler, were chosen for the Maine Class C All-state team.

Rebel soccer sweeper Teague Berry was selected for the Maine Class C All-star squad.

The Bethel Depot Antique was opened by owner Joe Gaidis at the site of the former Martha's Restaurant (now Finish Line Pizza).

Births: Dane Wilson, Andrew Brooks, Brandon Moffett, Ian Monzo.

Marriage: Rachel Belanger and Daren Labbe.

20 years ago: Paula Wight was updating the History of the Town of Newry for the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

Spec 4 Robin Snyder was named Soldier of the Month for the 18th Personnel and Administration Battalion 107th Finance Section at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Robert Chadbourne was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Rumford Community Hospital.

Ruel Swain and Stuart Cross presented plans for a nine-lot subdivision, including a street to be accepted as a town way, off the Chandler Hill Road.

Birth: Katrina Chapman.

Deaths: M. William Grondin, Sophie Hebb, Ralph Summerton.

30 years ago: Amy Kennett was selected as the D.A.R. Good Citizen of Telstar Regional High School, sponsored by Amariscoggin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jane and Alvin Barth were co-chairmen of the "Living Nativity Scene."

Faye Taylor, treasurer of Bethel History Society, reported the Memorial Fund for Eva Bean totaled \$750, with gifts still arriving.

Alice Kimball reported "good skating" on clear ice at Songo Pond.

Sally Stowell Curtis resigned as art teacher at Telstar Regional High School.

Births: Floyd Sessions, Dennis Swan.

Marriages: Wilma Harrington and Wayne Bean, Judith Spidell and Bruce Simmons.

Deaths: Leland Hanscom, Orin Sprague, Virginia McMillin.

40 years ago: The Chimes installed at Bethel Methodist Church played for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Elizabeth Tebbets entertained the following piano pupils at a Christmas party at her home: Stephen Hale, Roger Wheeler, Dick Waldron, Stephen Hastings, Esther Conner, Sharon Coolidge, Sue Wheeler, Leah Swain, Debbie Bickford, Jo-Anne Bickford, Cynthia Crockett, Kathy Kittredge, Barbara Hutchinson, Martha, Rebecca and Rachel Keniston, Jean Robertson, Gertrude Waldron, Louann Brown and Beth Sargent.

The Sunday River Skiway Base Lodge was completed and plans for the main floor were for a modern cafeteria and restrooms, fully equipped ski shop operated by Paul Kailey and Peter Webber and a sun deck upstairs.

Nils Torjeson was hired to head the Sunday River Skiway ski school.

Marriage: Geraldine Gavin and Ryozo Shimamura.

Deaths: George Hutchins, Wallace Clark, John Meserve.

50 years ago: The Bethel Ski Tow on Vernon Street started with an enthusiastic crowd present. Frank Nary was in charge of operation and tickets.

Bethel Ski and Outing Club members were allowed a substantial discount on ski equipment purchased at D. Grover Brooks' hardware store.

Robert Waeguny of Austria, after a long struggle with diplomatic red tape, joined the Gould Academy student body.

Birth: Richard D. Lyon.

Deaths: Lily Burbank, Lisbeth Philbrick, Lauri Immonen.

100 years ago: John Philbrook sent a carload of cattle to the Boston market, including Moses A. Mason's large ox weighing 3,800 pounds.

School opened in Middle Intervale with Miss Kelliher as teacher.

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Briefly

Cats ready for new homes

BETHEL—Forty cats forced out of their West Bethel home are now ready for adoption, according to Kathy Jo Farren. Farren and other volunteers quarantined the cats during the past several weeks after several kittens were found to have had ringworm. They were examined for ringworm or other contagious diseases Wednesday by Dr. Gary Stuer of the Bethel Animal Hospital, who found them all to be in good health. They will be available for adoption at the Mountain Greenery greenhouse on Route 2 in West Bethel. Twenty-three cats have already been spoken for, said Farren, but another 17 still need homes. The cats may be picked up and/or chosen on Friday between 2 and 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call Farren at 836-2725.

Newry reviewing ordinances

NEWRY—The Newry Planning Board is currently reviewing the Unified Development Ordinance, which governs most development in the town. When the review is complete, the board will contact selectmen regarding bringing any proposed changes before townspeople for a vote. Anyone interested in following the review process or providing input is asked to attend an upcoming regular meeting. The board generally meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

Living Nativity is Sunday

BETHEL—The annual Living Nativity will take place Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. on the Bethel Common. Local residents will play the roles of the Holy Family. Farm animals will also be part of the presentation. Following the Nativity, snacks and hot drinks will be served at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene on Church Street.

Telstar musicians in concert

BETHEL—The Telstar high and middle school Music Department will present a Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Helen Berry Auditorium. The performance will feature the schools' instrumental band, conducted by Jennifer Christiansen, and the high school Treble Choir and Select Ensemble, conducted by Kathy Burke. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Mead layoffs less than expected

RUMFORD—The number of employees Mead Paper Co. will lay off this winter will be about a third of the company's original projection. Mead will cut 20 to 30 hourly jobs and 30 salaried positions as of Jan. 1, rather than the 150 hourly and 50 salaried jobs projected last summer. Several factors contributed to the drop, according to a spokesman. Some employees transferred within the mill or within the corporation, 69 chose a retirement package offered, and others found employment outside the mill. More than 20 employees have enrolled in a computer training program that will prepare them for a large project in 2000.

Teen sentenced to youth center

PARIS—A 15-year-old boy has been sentenced to the Maine Youth Center for his role in helping plan and carry out a robbery in which a man was shot in the abdomen. Lewis Bryce will be kept at the youth center until he turns 21, the maximum sentence available because he is a juvenile. Bryce pleaded guilty to two lesser charges in the case, robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery with a firearm. In exchange, a charge of elevated aggravated assault was dismissed. The family of shooting victim Robert Vaughn expressed disappointment with Monday's sentence. But they hold out hope for a stiffer penalty when the accused shooter, Chad Coolidge, is sentenced. "It's not fair. That kid should be treated like any adult would be," said Richard Knightly, uncle of Vaughn's wife, Sue Bradford. Vaughn's sister, Kathy Hussey, said she had reconciled herself to the sentence because of Bryce's young age and lack of a prior record. She said the family hopes that the court will look differently on Coolidge, who was 17 at the time of the shooting on Oct. 12. Prosecutors are seeking to have him tried as an adult. A second alleged accomplice, David Morrill, has been arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit robbery and is still awaiting a court date, according to court records.

Skate at Hebron Academy

HEBRON—Public skating hours will be offered at Robinson Arena at Hebron Academy over the holidays. The schedule is: Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Dec. 20-23, 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 26, 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 27, 6-8 p.m.; Dec. 28, 3-5 p.m.; Dec. 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Dec. 30, 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-12 noon; Jan. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Warden raid brings four arrests

AUGUSTA—Seven teams made up of 40 Maine game wardens, 11 members of the State Police, two Maine Marine Patrol officers and three Drug Enforcement Agency officers served search warrants at seven residences early Monday morning in Waldoboro and Warren. Four people were arrested, and more than 130 summonses were issued. Wardens confiscated illegal deer meat, turkey parts, illegal wildlife, firearms and illegal drugs. Wardens also seized evidence used in the wildlife crimes, including spotlights, ammunition and deer bait. Arrested were George Jordan, 39, of Warren, Jeffrey Luce of Waldoboro, Donald Boyington of Waldoboro, and Jeffrey Creamer, 41, of Waldoboro. Four others were summoned, but not arrested. The raid was a culmination of an investigation on a group of residents in Waldoboro and Warren that began in early October. Game wardens were alerted to the violations by citizens who contacted their local game warden and also by calls to Operation Game Thief. The raid came on the heels of another raid in Waldo County by game wardens Dec. 2. The wardens issued 160 summonses for 20 wildlife violations.

IFW offers lifetime licenses

AUGUSTA—Beginning with the 2000 calendar year, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will offer a lifetime hunting, fishing or combination license to residents under the age of six or 65 or older. Fees are: under six—hunting, \$150; fishing, \$150; combination of both, \$250; 65 or older—hunting, \$50; fishing, \$50; combination, \$80. A hunting license for someone 16 or older currently costs \$19, while the combination license costs \$36. Applications have been distributed to all license agents.

Rabies info available

ORONO—A fact sheet about rabies, which has been spreading recently from southern into central Maine, is available from county offices of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The sheet answers questions about nature of the disease, how it is spread, symptoms and prevention, and includes contact information.

Injured snowboarder favors helmets

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Shelby Ganitch is intent on returning to the slopes to snowboard, but the next time she'll be wearing a helmet. Ganitch, 19, suffered a serious head injury last season when she crash-landed after doing a 180-degree turn on her snowboard. She slammed into the hard snow, which sent her into a coma-inducing concussion. She spent two weeks unconscious in the hospital in March and is still battling a poor memory and problems with her left arm and leg. But the accident hasn't tainted her desire to snowboard. While a growing number of skiers and snowboarders are wearing helmets, industry officials note that the head gear provides only limited protection especially if the person speeds into a fixed object. A study by the Consumer Product Safety Commission found that helmet use could prevent or reduce the severity of 44 percent of the head injuries to adults and 53 percent of head injuries to children under 15. Helmet use could also prevent about 11 of the 24 deaths from skiing and snowboarding each year, the study said.

Mt. Abram

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ALMOST READY—Mt. Abram is hoping to provide enough manmade snow to open this weekend. Here, employees Frank Knapp (left) and Ben Howard hang T-bars. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Mt. Abram may remain open more nights during the two winter vacation weeks, Dunican said.

Skiers will warm up in a renovated lodge that offers 30 percent more seating capacity than last year. A downstairs area previously occupied by the Ski Depot ski shop has been converted to lodge space.

The Ski Depot has moved to its own recently-constructed building just outside the lodge.

The lodge also boasts a new kitchen, restrooms and computerized lockers.

If Mt. Abram is able to open this weekend, it will correspond to the same opening weekend as last year.

Greenwood

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There was little argument regarding the merit of the upgrade, but some criticism of the Fire Department for using a special Town Meeting as a vehicle for getting the money -- rather than waiting for the annual Town Meeting that is only three months off.

There was also obvious displeasure that town officials could not tell voters how much money was in undesignated fund balance -- which will supply the additional \$22,000.

Herb Dunham, a former selectman, told the three selectmen: "I believe if I was sitting up there with you fellows and people asked a basic question, I'd want to be able to tell them the answers, and not have to hem and haw."

The vote to approve the additional funds was 17-7. On hand for the vote was a sizable turnout of Fire Department members and their families.

Also on the warrant for Tuesday's meeting was an article asking for an additional \$5,000 for the Fire Department's operating budget. However, as discussion of the matter began, Seames said he was asking voters to reject the article.

It had been submitted, he said, based on the department's expenses through September. "It had been an exceptionally busy year for us," he said, with payroll to that point in the year exceeding what the department had paid out in any earlier full year.

But since then, he said, the combination of a spending freeze on

new purchases and maintenance, and a drop-off in the number of incidents has made it possible to manage until the end of the year without the additional \$5,000.

As he requested, voters unanimously rejected the article.

Planning Board budget
A second payroll-related matter was initially expected to be on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting -- how to cover the increasing expenses of the Planning Board.

However, rather than go to voters for the necessary money -- approximately \$4,000 -- the Board of Selectmen opted instead to cover this year's shortfall from a \$5,000 emergency fund for unanticipated town expenses. That fund is routinely approved by voters at the annual Town Meeting.

In the past, Planning Board expenses, including payroll have been covered by the fees the board generates, said Town Manager Carol Whitman.

But with approximately \$7,000 in projected payroll expenses for the year, and only \$3,200 in fees brought in (through October), another source of funds had to be found, said Whitman.

Regular board members receive an annual stipend of \$800, the chairman \$950, and alternates \$650. That stipend covers 18 two-hour meetings, Whitman said.

After that (including site visits and time in meetings lasting longer than two hours) they are paid \$7.50 an hour plus mileage.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Cell phone caller arouses suspicion

At 9:20 p.m. on Dec. 13 police received a report regarding a vehicle in a parking lot. On arrival, the officer found a subject talking on his cell phone. The subject was advised of the complaint, and he said he would move on.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

At 3 a.m. police observed a vehicle on Route 2 in Bethel. The officer had reason to believe that the operator's license was under suspension. The subject was out on bail from a previous operating after suspension arrest. James F. Eaton III, 48, of Rumford was arrested for OAS and violation of conditions of release. He was taken to the Oxford County Jail where he was processed and held without bail.

Saturday, Dec. 11

At 4:30 p.m. police responded to the Intervale Road for a report of a tree down on wires. The tree was burning, but had stopped by the time the officer arrived. He notified dispatch, and on arrival of the Fire Department, the officer cleared.

Monday, Dec. 13

At 8 p.m. police issued a summons to Jeremy Sayward, 20, of Milford, N.H., for parking in a handicapped zone.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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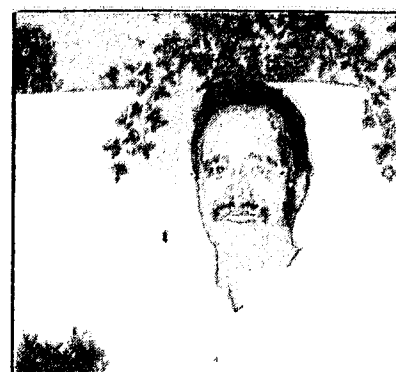
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Highway

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Large-scale development? Last Thursday's meeting-goers also worried that "tourist trap"-style businesses might spring up near scenic turnouts or gateway signs. Large-scale development was also a concern.

Brian Kent, a consultant working with the committee, said the town's Planning Board might want to consider a recommendation in favor of more specific language governing large development -- for example, stricter requirements on screening and buffers between the development and the road. Right now, he said, a major project could come into the area, and the town could do little to control it.

But committee member Brooks Morton was skeptical that stricter language could become a reality in Newry. The town's current comprehensive plan, he said, was put together by employees of Sunday River Ski Resort. For that reason, claimed Morton, the town regulations lack teeth in dealing with such issues as screening.

But despite the desire by some to control potential developers' land use, the current residents wanted assurance they could retain control over their own property.

Brad Wight, who butchers beef at his roadside home, wondered if he might be restricted in that activity as a result of a scenic designation.

Deane Van Dusen of the Maine Department of Transportation, which set up the statewide Scenic Byway Program, said there are no such regulations connected with state grant funds.

Any governing decisions would be limited to signage or similar improvements, and would fall to a local committee that would be established if the grant was approved, said Kent. "You're a traditional rural activity," he told Wight.

Other residents worried about the possibility of their property taxes increasing in connection with the scenic designation. Selectman Steve Wight said he did not believe it would affect taxes.

Some also wondered whether gateway signs placed at either end of the road -- an option the current committee is still considering -- would make tourists believe the whole corridor is part of Grafton Notch State Park.

If tourists stopped to read such a sign, they would learn that a large part of the road includes private property. But, worried Heather Vail, would people bother to stop and read it?

"If you give them a toilet they might," said committee member Audrey Brooke.

Providing toilet facilities at the beginning of the highway is also under consideration. Residents have complained about tourists using private property to relieve themselves.

20-year transportation plan

There was also debate about whether acquiring the state enhancement funding would improve the road's chances for large-scale funding for road improvements under the state's 20-year transportation plan.

Morton said the enhancement

funds would make little difference, because the Route 26 corridor has already been put on a priority list by Gov. Angus King.

But, said Steve Wight, "Why throw this one away just because there are others (sources of funding)?"

Specifically, he said, the two funding sources might be used together to build bike lanes along the road.

Residents have commented during the byway process that the road is dangerous to bikers and pedestrians because it is too narrow. Tractor trailer trucks pose a particular hazard, they said.

Owen Wight, a committee member, agreed with Steve Wight that it made sense to seek the enhancement funding. "I don't see how it could possibly not help get funding," he said.

Kent said if the road does receive enhancement funding, further public input and endorsement from selectmen would be required regarding the money's use.

Brooke said she would have no interest in voting to recommend extending the scenic designation if residents opposed it. "I don't want my vehicle egged," she said.

A straw poll taken at the end of the meeting brought 12 votes in favor of extending the scenic designation to Newry Corner, and five votes in favor of leaving the designation as it stands currently.

The committee's next regular meeting, which is open to the public, has been scheduled for Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Newry Town Office.

Reading program

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Lacey Gammon, a seventh grader at Telstar Middle School, recently finished reading the book "Crash" as part of the Accelerated Reading Program.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

signed a certain number of points based on grade level, length and complexity. Each student must read books totaling a minimum number of points to earn an "A" in reading.

The books used in the program are ranked by grade level. Students can easily find books that are within their reading abilities.

Students select a book from the current list of nearly 1,600 available at Telstar. When they've finished the book, they take a computer test on it.

If the student gets half the questions right, they get half the points available. If they get all the questions right, they get all the points.

The diagnostic test can be repeated throughout the year to adjust a student's reading goals. An individual book test, however, may be taken only once by each student.

Lenny Hoy, seventh-grade language-arts teacher, said, "The program allows 275 kids to read at their level and test themselves for comprehension."

Lacey Gammon, a seventh-grader from Andover, just finished reading "Crash" by Jerry Spinelli. "I liked the book," she said. "I don't usually read a lot on my own. This is actually getting me to read."

Lacey took the computer test for "Crash" in the library. The test questions were simple and easy to read, but a student would only be able to answer them if they had read and understood the book. Lacey got three of the potential five points for "Crash." She'll start a new book now, working toward her goal of 34 points.

In this way, students like Lacey are held accountable for their reading.

Hoy said, "I've had kids watch a movie and fail the test. They skim a book, fail the test. They really do have to read the book. But, as odd

as it may seem, kids buy into the notion of points and goals that the program sets."

For many students, there is the temptation to attempt a big-point book like Stephen King's "It." At 82 points, a student can get their entire quarter's reading requirement out of the way with one book.

But "It" is a long, difficult book, requiring a tremendous investment in time to read. If a student reads it, using all the time they have available, and fails the test, they're stuck with no points and no time left.

Students who pick books far below their reading level are failing to challenge themselves. They don't accelerate their reading skills.

Tamara Davis, sixth-grade language-arts teacher, believes her students are thrilled with the program because they are given a choice in reading material. "They don't have to sit there and digest a group novel that may be inappropriate for them," she said.

"You wouldn't believe it," she said, "but you can hear a pin drop in my reading class. No one wants to be interrupted."

"So often," Davis said, "reading is assessed through writing. This totally eliminates that, and gets right to the student's comprehension of the reading material. It is the best middle school program I've seen as far as students' developmental needs."

The fine art of practicing Reading instruction is still taught in language-arts classes, but reading class is dedicated to reading. Every minute spent on instruction in a reading class is a lost moment to practice reading. To be good readers, kids have to practice, just as they have to practice baseball to be good baseball players.

Teachers encourage kids to read

at home. To earn the total number of points needed for an "A", students must read for a half-hour in school each day, and another half-hour at home.

Tom Riley, eighth-grade science teacher, believes learning to practice reading is critical. "Many kids don't practice reading on their own," he said. "The Accelerated Reader program encourages them to."

Book Choices

Many of the books in the program are familiar to the general reading public. The reading list includes novels by King, Don Fendler's "Lost On a Mountain in Maine" and the new best-selling Harry Potter books by J. K. Rowling.

Kyle Kuvaja, an 11 year old sixth-grader from Greenwood is reading "The Hobbit" by J. R. R. Tolkien. "I already had the book and was going to read it anyway," he said. "It was exciting to find it there on the book list, so I can actually read it for points."

Some of the most popular books are Maine State Book Awards nominees. The books were chosen by Maine students as their favorites. Linda Blackman, Telstar librarian, presents the MSBA books to students each fall, and the students rush to read them.

The initial ARP program came with a selection of about 800 tests. Other tests can be ordered on disk, with 50 tests to a disk. Custom disks cost \$120 each. Thus far, Telstar has ordered 12 CD-ROMs that include tests for the most popular books.

Still, the school has many tests for which there are no books, and many books for which they need tests. Blackman welcomes book donations in circulating condition, particularly the classics such as "Robin Hood," "Tarzan of the Apes," or "Gulliver's Travels."

A list of ARP books currently available can be seen at the Telstar Library, the Bethel Public Library, or Books'N Things.



GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES--The annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club, drew about 115 people Tuesday. The event, which took place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, included musical entertainment by the Crescent Park School band and chorus. Shown here are (from left): Bea Lowell, Millie Jackson, Anita Remington and Dotty Bean.

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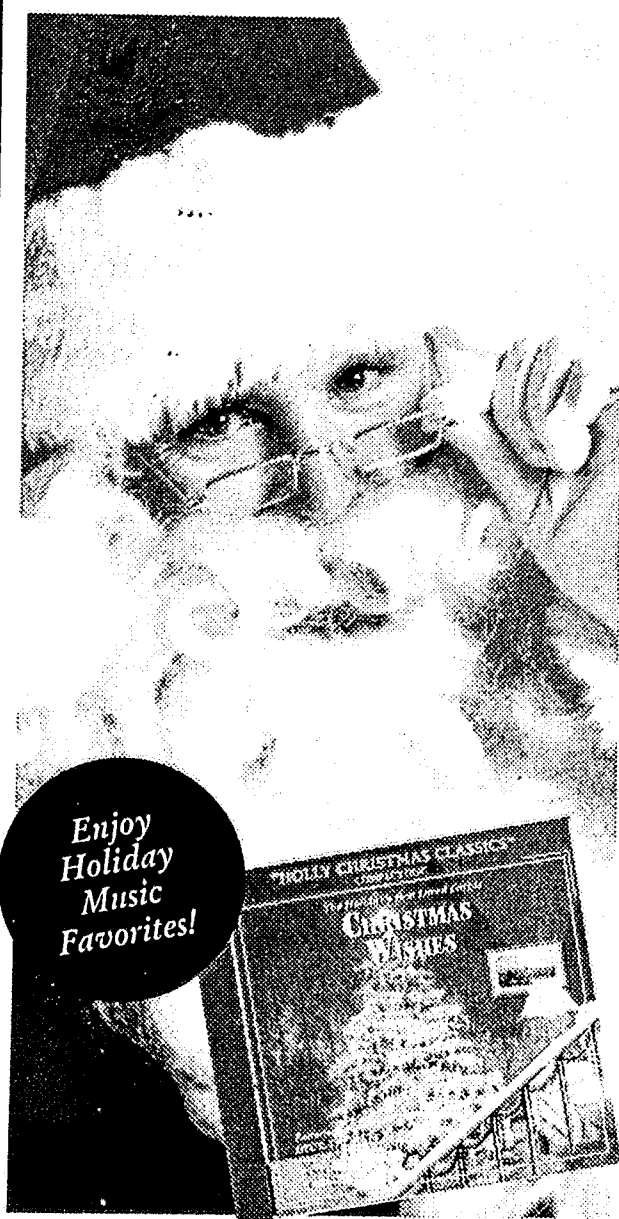
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Happening Around Town

Country Christmas Weekend
Dec. 17, 18, 19

Last minute shopping, refreshments and goodies

Friday, Dec. 17

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling in West Bethel with Pleasant Valley Bible Church. Hot chocolate and goodies to follow. 836-2828.

7:30 p.m.

Yulefest Christmas Concert at Gould Academy. 824-7700.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Bethel Inn & Country Club free cross country skiing at their Nordic center. 824-2175

Saturday, Dec. 18

All Day

Sunday River Ski Resort's pre-holiday bash. After dusk tree lighting, snow tubing, ice skating at the NiteCap Fun Center. Live music rocks into the night at Bumps Pub. 824-3000

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come to Mt. Mann Jewelers and make a mica ornament for your tree. Main Street. All ages. 824-3030

Noon-6 p.m.

Open House at the Good Food Store. Product sampling, holiday treats and seasonal recipes to share. Route 2. 824-3754

2-4 p.m.

Free wagon rides. Meet at the Bethel Fire Station. 824-2282

6-7:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling on Main Street with the Bethel Alliance Church. Meet at the Gazebo on the Bethel Common. All singers welcome.

Saturday and Sunday

Cookie-stamp Christmas cookies are fun and easy. Stop by The Village Sampler for a brief demonstration and delicious sample (while supplies last). Special sale on Christmas tree ornaments: buy two, get one free. Main Street. 824-4438

Sunday, Dec. 19

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa at The Sudbury Inn. Santa will have a gift for each child. Main Street. 824-2174

5 p.m.

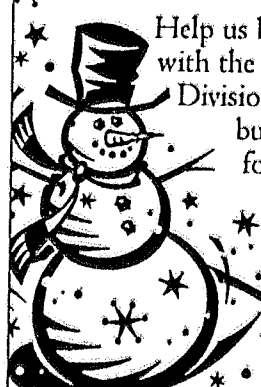
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Take the potatoes and slice in half. Press the cookie cutter into the half so you can see the outline.

Carefully cut away the extra potato about 1/2"-3/4" so just the cookie cutter shape will stand out.

Spread some newspaper onto the table.

Take old lids from coffee cans or margarine tubs and put just a thin amount of paint in each one.

Let the kids dip their "potato stamps" into different colors of paint and stamp the designs onto the bags. Remember to wait for one side to dry before you turn the bag over.

Use a hole puncher to put a few holes near the top and string curling ribbon to tie the bag closed after the gift is put in.

Or, just fold the top down and staple. You can do this for any occasion.

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Photo-Wrap*

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Candy-Colored Play Dough*

Mix the dry ingredients; then add boiling water and the oil.

Stir and mix well.

2 1/2 cups flour

2 pkg. unsweetened powdered

drink mix

1/2 cup salt

2 cups boiling

water

3 tsp. vegetable oil

After the dough is cool, mix with your hands and form into a ball. Place in an airtight container.

Make lots of different colors for fun projects! Your dough shapes will harden if left uncovered.

Bird Feeder Pine Cones*

Have you and your children ever gathered pine cones and then not known what to do with them? In our house, we make bird

feeders. Grandma buys some peanut butter & some sunflower seeds.

We lay out newspaper on the table and then tie a

string about 2 feet long to the top of the pine cone.

Sometimes we have to wrap it around the cone a bit to hold.

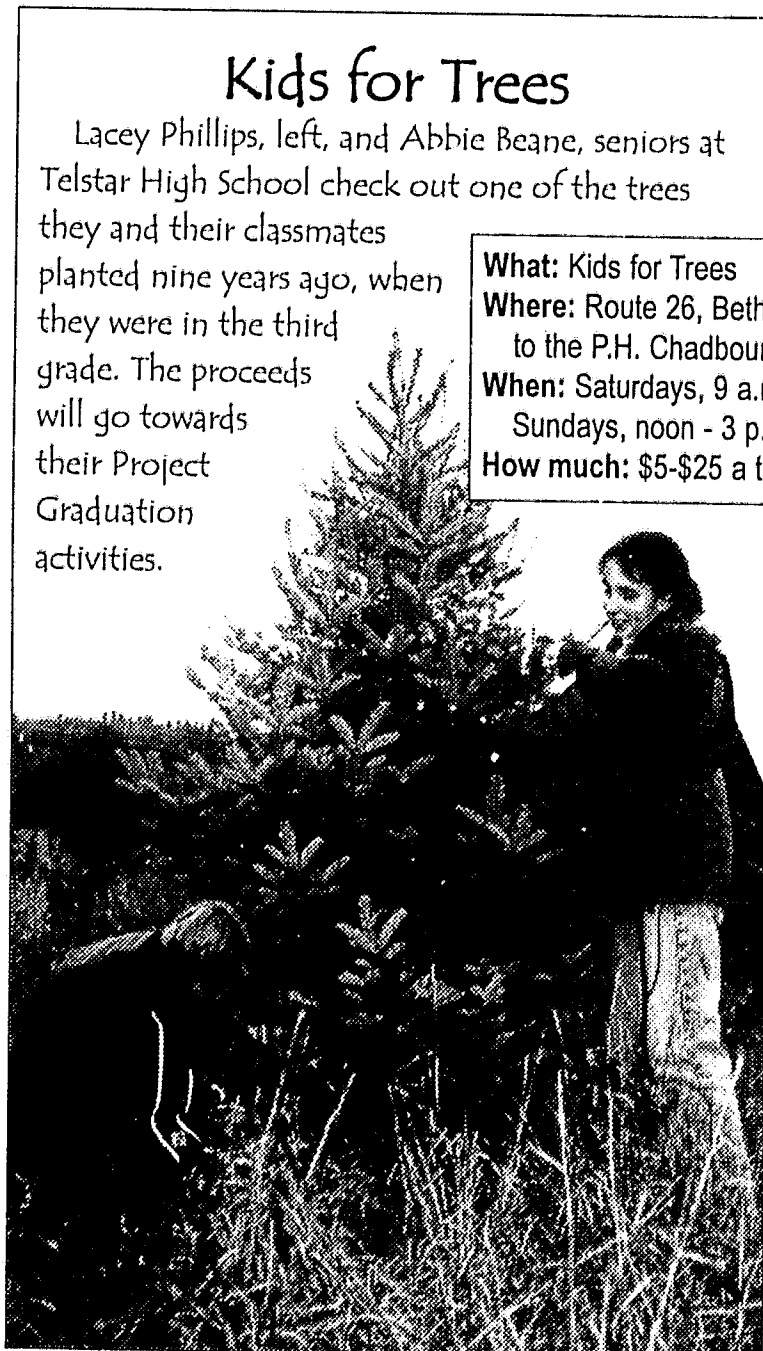
Then we put on rubber gloves and

take a butter knife and push the peanut butter all over the cone. Next we fill up an old coffee can about half full of sunflower seeds, put in the peanut butter-covered cone, snap on the lid of the can, and shake it. Then when we take the pine cone out, we press the sunflower seeds into the peanut butter until it's all covered.

Wrap in waxed paper and tie with a ribbon. You can give them to the neighbors to hang in their trees. Make sure you do this when the weather is cold.

If you hang these above 45°F, the peanut butter might run off.

This can be done with wild bird seed too, but we have found the sunflower seeds attract more cardinals and songbirds. Kids, make sure you help clean up the mess!



Kids for Trees

Lacey Phillips, left, and Abbie Beane, seniors at Telstar High School check out one of the trees

they and their classmates planted nine years ago, when they were in the third grade. The proceeds will go towards their Project Graduation activities.

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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Nancy Brown of Norfolk, Va., spent the week with her mother, Musa Brown. A family Christmas

was held Sunday which included Robert and Laurie Hickey of Millis, Mass.; Barry and Becky Crommett of Livermore; Andy Matczak and Karen Davis of Bellingham, Mass.; Heather Davis of Millis, Mass.; Rob Panico of Mansfield, Mass.; Musa and daughter Nancy.

Jamie Grover is home from college in Florida for the Christmas holidays.

Muriel Whitney recently left for Florida.

Cross Country Quilters met Tuesday at the home of Lee Barth, with a potluck luncheon and the usual workshop.

Nancy Vargiu has returned to Sardinia after spending several weeks with her mother, Beatrice Brown.

Eva Perry is in Stephens Memorial Hospital relab for several more days.

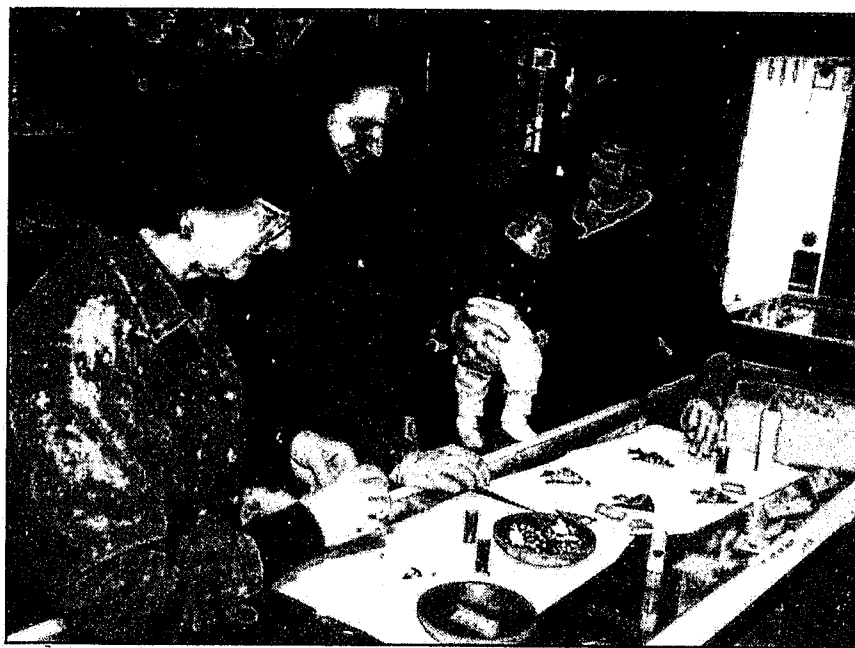
Peg Webber of Littleton, Colo., called to Bethel to attend the funeral of her brother, Allan Fraser, is spending a few additional days visiting relatives and friends in the area.

Pauline and Lindley Wieden were pleasantly surprised by a visit from their daughter, Catherine Sands of Dover-Foxcroft, last Saturday and Sunday.

Bob Grover sent the following letter regarding his wife Jane's surgery and resulting therapy: "I don't know just where to start, so I guess I'll start at where Jane started. On the 27th of October, Jane was operated on for Lumbar Stenosis to relieve a pinched nerve in her right leg; it was successful and worked out fine and she was to be discharged the following day. A blood test indicated that her blood count was very low so it meant staying in the hospital for another day. She developed a cough so that meant a chest X-ray.

"Yes, there was a cloud on her lung which indicated pneumonia, but, knowing that she had been in Asia they tested her for TB, it showed positive so into isolation while they did more testing, after more tests that came out negative she was taken out of isolation.

"The pneumonia was hard to conquer but they succeeded. Then



TRIM THE TREE WITH MICA
Children of all ages are invited to Mt. Mann Jewelers on Main Street in Bethel Saturday to make a Christmas tree ornament out of mica. Carol Corriveau, Deb Webster, Andree Alford (and Benjamin, age five weeks) made their ornaments at the shop last week, using glitter and bits of tourmaline mica. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

she had a slight stroke on the left side which was followed by another slight stroke. Next she was transferred to the physical therapy department. She gained there and was improving so then to Market Square in South Paris, which was not the place for her.

"Tomorrow she will be transferred to Rumford Community Home, where she will be under the watchful eye of Dr. Gorayeb (her own family Dr. for the last 19 years). She will be getting the proper therapy there.

"The stroke didn't affect her speech, only the left leg and we are expecting her to be ambulatory in a matter of a few weeks, at least with a walker. Her spirits are excellent. Of course after being down for four weeks she has to learn to walk and build up her muscles.

"Her mailing address, e-mail address and telephone numbers are: Rumford Community Home, P.O. Box 430, Rumford, ME 04276; e-mail: paomao@megalink.net; home phone: 388-2943; Rumford Community Home: 364-7863."

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Pastor Rick Mowery visited Linwood Machia at Togus recently.

Rebecca Ricker and Clara Whitman were in the Norway area recently. They visited Mildred Newell at Market Square Nursing Home. They also went shopping and had lunch at Burger King.

Lindley Wieden, Olga Morgan and Ruth Cummings set up and decorated the Christmas tree in the community room and put up other decorations. Another resident helped, but asked their name not be put in the paper.

Becky, Abbie and Michalea Cummings visited me a short while one morning and brought me some delicious turkey soup. They brought chicken soup a short time ago, but the turkey soup was even better.

Cathy Newell treated me to dinner at Market Square in South Paris on Friday and we then went to Wal-Mart and Shop 'n Save.

Pastor Rick's message Sunday was "The Reward of Joseph's Faith." My favorite hymn for the day was "Only Believe." Lacy Phillips sang a special number as she played her guitar.

There was a video on missions, a special presentation by Alliance women.

PMV Coastal gave the residents of the Bethel House a Christmas party on Dec. 6. Cecile Payette was in charge of this and did one fine job. There was plenty to eat including lasagna, spare ribs, marinated mushrooms, potato and macaroni salad, as well as other salads, garlic bread, chips, pickles and lots of desserts with coffee and soft drinks.

KC Denton was present and he did some maintenance work as well as assisting with the meal. Lindley Wieden also helped a lot with the meal, especially with the clean up. He also brought a large table and a card table for the food.

Liz Perry was there and she signed in Carroll and Bea Bean, so they will be coming into the Bethel House soon into the apartment vacated by Irene Russell. Liz also assisted with the meal. Others present were Lindley and Pauline Wieden, Vivian Chase, Tag Allen, Olga Morgan, Eva Lane, Florence Merrill, Rebecca Ricker, Raymond Swan, Dot Bean and myself. Two

others were present but asked that their names not be put in the paper. Those that wished exchanged gifts and Cecile was Santa. A great time was had by all present.

Rebecca Ricker visited Mildred Newell again on Sunday.

Well, I had some of Patty Greig's Indian pudding again this year. Starting in 1979, Arthur and I had dinner in Newry at Pat's mother's house. She was Eleanor "Boots" Morton. Even after Boots passed away and we ate Thanksgiving dinner there no more, Patty remembered Arthur and me and then just me with her Indian pudding. This year was no exception. Thanks, Pat.

Vada Grover spent the day with me on Tuesday. We played cribbage and now at 484 games I am still two ahead. We had a great meal at the Frozen Logger at noon.

Charlotte Cole stopped by with a banana bread and card for me and also one for Olga Morgan and Becky Ricker and asked me to deliver those.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, Dec. 6, for a 6 p.m. supper, meeting and Christmas party.

Twenty-one members and one guest were present. Deputy Connie Tuttle was welcomed. It was voted to put on a dinner and program for the Topsham Senior Citizens next June. The program was as follows: opening thought by Bertha Benoit,

"Jesus is Reason for the Season"; opening song, "Oh Come All ye Faithful"; Bertha read the "Christmas Story"; song, "Joy to the World"; reading, "Nature's Christmas Tree," by Connie Tuttle; music by Richard Felt, Bertha Benoit and Dot Canwell and everyone sang; exchange of gifts; reading by Laura Hutchins, "Country Christmas"; song, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" by all; BJ and Raymond were presented a plant by Bertha; Richard Felt was presented a picture of Little and Carl Brooks by BJ and Raymond; reading by Alice Hoyt, "A Heart Goes Home"; song, "Silent Night"; closing thought, "Thank God for our Savior Jesus Christ."

At the Bryant Pond Baptist Church on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. is Ladies' Bible Study and also at 7 p.m. is Men's Discipleship Class; On Sunday, Dec. 19, the Sunday School program will be in the morning service and the choir's Christmas Cantata will be held during the evening service.

Maggie and Joseph Hoyt visited their dad, James Hoyt, and grandparents over the weekend. While here, Maggie celebrated her ninth birthday.

The Historical Society makes our lives fuller and richer. It is informative and educational. Members and visitors alike find an opportunity for interactions at its headquarters. You should attend a meeting this winter and share in the benefits. The meetings are always the second Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. The society has a wonderful collection of furniture made by Indians. That came from the family of local author George Allan England. This has been a centerpiece of society exhibits. There are also other pieces of furniture upstairs in the museum, including some illustrating basic styles. Curator Larry Billings has given the society a farmhouse cookbook.

Saturday and slowly passed through whitout conditions along the Flat Road. I was told that the wind was so bad at Speckled Mountain Ranch, at the foot of Main's Mountain (now Pine Mountain), that it picked up some of those fiberglass fence posts used for electric fences and stuck them into the side of the barn. Notice, I said I was told that; I didn't see it myself. What I did see, though, was what I thought was a goatee on my cow, Beisy; actually, she was facing away from the wind and her tail had blown all the way underneath her until the tip of it was hanging right under her nose.

When we returned from a Civil Air Patrol Christmas party in Augusta, it was dark, very dark, because the power was off. I had to get out my new flashlight to find the hidden house key to let us into the house, because the electric garage doors do not work well when the power is off. The power stayed off until about noon Sunday. Luckily, we have a small generator that provided light and enough power to run a hotplate, coffeepot and the water pump, although not all at the same time. Now, my next project is to wire the furnace up so it will run off the generator. Then we will be Y2K compatible.

Speaking of Y2K, the best story I've heard about concerns a blond secretary. It seems she attended a company briefing where the executive vice president pleaded for everyone in the company to prepare for Y2K. The blond secretary said she was ready. She had already programmed her word processor to change all y's to k's, making her weekly calendar read, "Sundak, Mondak, Tuesdak, ..."

Now, I don't believe the so-called Y2K problem will be all that bad. I'm sure there will be some glitches here and there, but there shouldn't be any great catastrophes. How bad can it be without computers? Mankind somehow survived several thousand years without computers -- so what, if they all quit. /5&^*90@##\$555, ...

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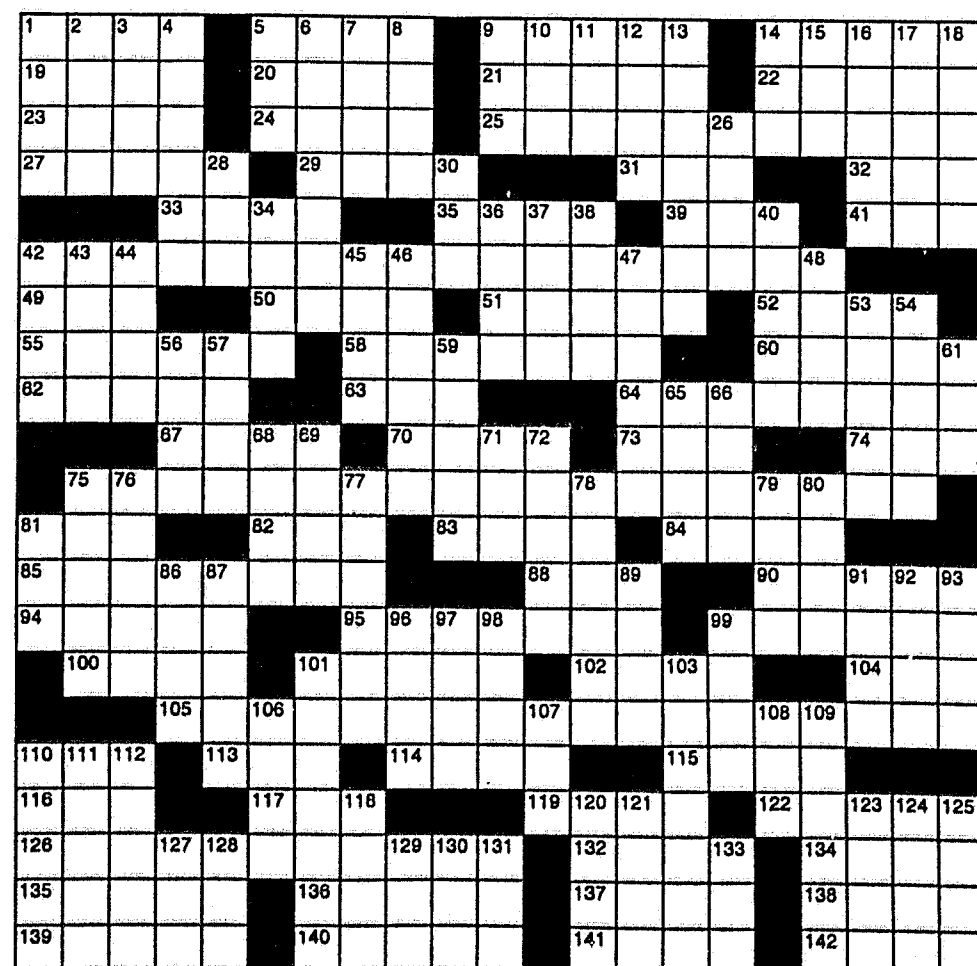
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 - 66 Sheet of stamps
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 - 69 "Elephant Boy" actor
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 - 80 Director Nicolas
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 - 91 Slightly open
 - 92 Exceptional
 - 93 Surrounded by
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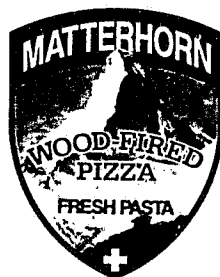


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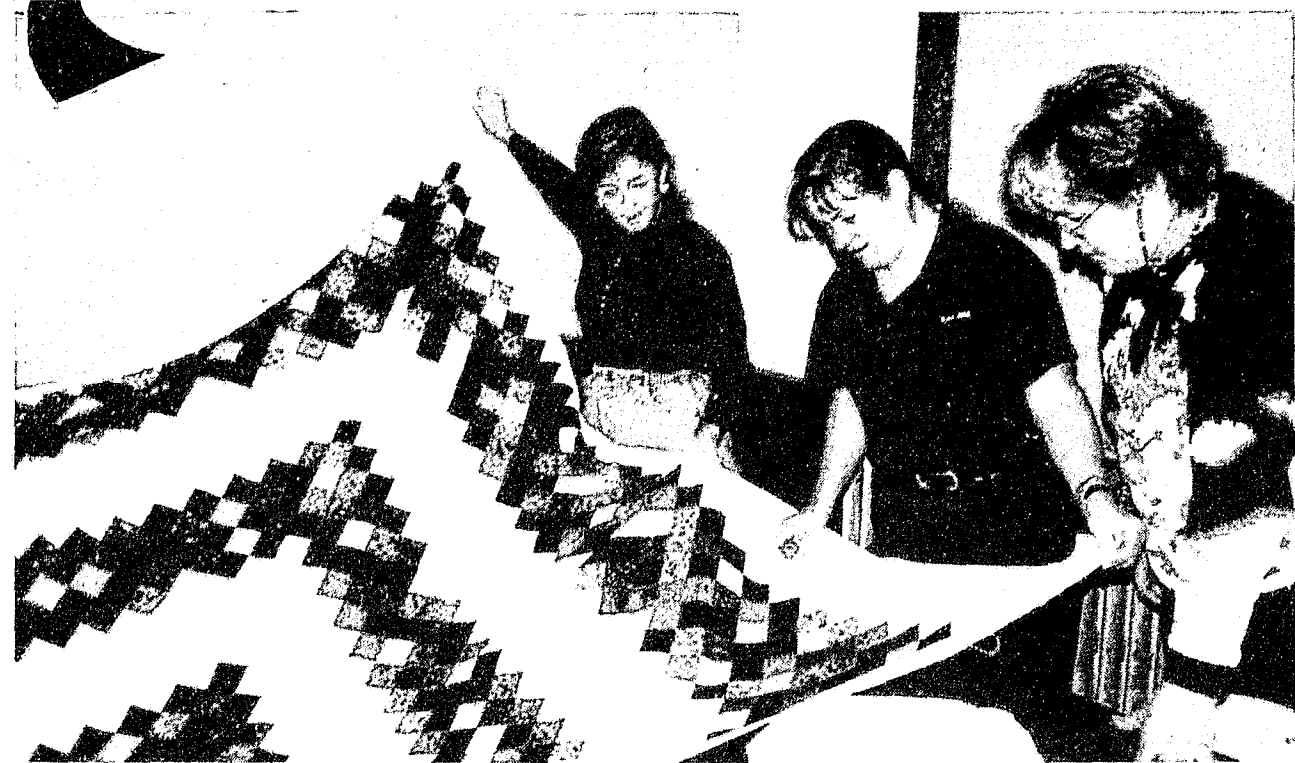
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The Satellite

News from School Administrative District #44: Andover • Bethel • Greenwood • Newry • Woodstock



SAD44 Adult Education sponsored a Monday morning quilt class, taught by Martha Goldsmith at the Adult Learning Center this fall. The pattern was Boston Common, and involved more than 20 different fabric colors and patterns. Joyce Howe is shown displaying her quilt top. The quilt was made as a fundraiser for Tri Town Rescue. Anyone wishing to purchase a chance on the quilt should call Annella Burnham at 665-2005. The drawing will take place Dec. 22.



Several CPS kindergarten students join together to work on letter recognition activities using an Alphabet Bingo game. Pictured are Corey Howard as group recorder, Mathew Keane, Kalie Dunican and Krystal Pratt.



Third-graders at Crescent Park Elementary School took a "field trip" to Japan when Miss Stuart's cousin, Donna, made a recent classroom visit. Donna explained some Japanese traditions and cultural differences, such as bowing and respect for a person's space. Each child had an opportunity to speak a few words in Japanese. Donna also had a wide variety of objects on display, including many origami creations, money, books, dishes and even examples of American-made products like Pepsi and Cheerios. Several children dressed in traditional dress. Students sampled rice crackers and had a lesson on how to use chopsticks. The favorite part of the morning was the green tea served in authentic Japanese tea cups.



Students at the Andover Elementary School celebrated Halloween by dressing in costume. Shown are, front (from left): Joshua Farrington, Jacob Huff, Randy Morin, Erich Zurhorst. Back: Adam Mahar, Harley Shaw, Courtney Hentschel, Kaylin Milligan, Izaak Mills, Carson McKay. Teacher: Alice Lee.

(Photo by Anne Marie Mahar)



Crescent Park School kindergartners Molly Siegel and Carley Rodriques demonstrate their proficiency on the Tom Toms as part of a unit on Native Americans.



CPS kindergartner Lyndsay Merrill leads a group of classmates through calendar activities during their choice time in Mrs. Sabin's classroom.



These seventh graders were busy doing their community service project just in time for the holiday season. Kara Jacques, Megan Bailey, Riley Gilbert, Jessica James, Stephanie Bennett, Lacey Gammon and Amy Gaidis give assistant principal Sally Hannon \$180 they earned from a project that involved doing creative humorous pictures. The money will be donated to "Christmas for Kids."

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Greenwood City



by Collista Morgan
We are experiencing days that are bracing and the nights are tingling.

Mornings bring a hear frost on our lawns. Wisps of mist play over the pond, then dissolve into nothingness as the morning wears on.

It's the walking time of the year. The air is crisp whether the sun shines or the sun casts a gray hue over the mountains and valleys.

From the hills one can see far. The river winding through the valley floor is crooked and silvery in color. If all is clear, it seems as if the sky has become an inverted bowl dotted in gold. Walking weather is now at its best and offers solace in a troubled world.

Milton and Eleanor Inman had their Thanksgiving a few days late, so all could be together.

Now that one holiday is over we are preparing for another.

Zylpha DiArenzo, who has been at home here all summer, has gone to her daughter's in Pennsylvania. We hope to see her again in the Spring.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

Andy and I were in Lewiston Wednesday where he saw his oncologist, and then we went to his cousin's, Ellie and Fred Peterson, and shared their lunch. It is always fun to go there as they are both delightful people and Ellie has such a delicious sense of humor and insight into people that she makes any conversation amusing, in a nice sort of way. It must be all those years of teaching school. After lunch we went to visit Uncle Fritz and Aunt Norma. I'm happy to say they are doing better. Fritz has been having trouble with his knees and Norma has been laid up with polymyalgia which is very painful. She seems to be responding well to her treatment, which is a relief to her and all the rest of us. She had us worried.

We had a lovely sunny day to travel in. Thursday was nice, too, but it is winter in Maine and today is cold and cloudy. I can't seem to drum up much enthusiasm for Christmas this year even though I try to keep remembering Jesus is

the reason for the season. Ralph called me on my birthday and asked how the electrical stuff was doing, as he usually gives something like that for Christmas. I told him the coffee pot quit, the microwave sits silent, the VCR will only rewind no matter what button one pushes, the food processor has been defunct for many months and the vacuum cleaner literally blew up. He could take his pick.

Ann Fitzmorris and I were in Norway last Friday shopping. All the stores seemed to be doing a good business. I did find that if you want to get something you had better get it when you see it because if you waffle and say "I'll get it tomorrow if I still want it," when you go back it won't be there. So I guess it shows people are buying -- or everyone wants the same thing.

I don't know what is going on in my fish tank. I seem to be losing all the fish. A couple weeks ago I had 36 and now I have less than 20. All the books say to keep your tank clean, but when I do I lose fish. It looks better to keep it clean, but I'm not sure if the fish like it, even though I try to keep the new water going in the same temperature and pH as the old water. As a lot of people have found out, (I base my conclusion on the number of fish tanks offered for sale in the newspaper and the sell or swap magazines), it is not easy to keep fish, especially live bearers. They are perfectly happy to eat the fry when nothing else is available, but if one overfeeds them it pollutes the water and that isn't good either. But I'm too stubborn to quit, so out will come my test equipment and the myriad bottles of pH up and pH down, water clarifier, ICH Guard, Ammonia-ease, and you name it, it'll be needed.

I don't know what it is about black cats but for some reason, as I've said before, they act up twice as much as most other colored cats. Ann Fitzmorris says her black "Rugrat" is the same, too, although her white "Sam" isn't too far behind. I have a black and white "Sam" who is a very well behaved cat, but Peaches and Jack, who are very black, are continually getting into mischief or just plain making nuisances of themselves. Garbo sometimes challenges Jack to a wrestling match, which is fun to watch, but most times he sits and scratches on the window to get us to let him out and 10 minutes later he scratches to come in. Unless you have a cat that does it, you cannot imagine how annoying that sound is. He has us well trained to do his bidding, at least until we get sick of it and get out the water spray.

Peaches, on the other hand, wants to be held all the time so she will get in front of you and lay on your back or letters or pace back and forth across the sink if you are doing dishes. She has infinite patience and when made to get down, it is only a couple moments before she is at it again. She gets shut into the bedroom a lot. It seems to be the only way to get her to keep quiet for a while. The only way for a dog or cat to be a good dog or cat is to do nothing, as one of the dogs in the Sunday comics observed a couple weeks ago. He got that right.

Since Christmas will be less than a couple weeks away when the paper comes out, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Then, of course, comes the New Year. Many people have decided to stay home this year due to Y2K worries. Hey, I've been doing that for years and the New Year comes in just fine and, no, I don't intend to pick up the telephone to see if it works. I lived for many years without one. I don't have a computer or an ATM card. I do have kerosene lamps, but I live in Maine so I've had those all my life. I don't expect the world to come to an end. I've always lived on the principle that if I die tomorrow the world comes to an end anyhow, so if the world should come to an end, I'd just have more going with me. But I don't expect it to. Someone once wrote a little ditty that helps me a lot -- perhaps it might help you: "I do not know the way to go/I only know this minute/But God will say/This is the way/By faith now walk ye in it." Cheers

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

The Church School here in South Woodstock celebrated its 67th anniversary on Dec. 6. There was a program presented, in Sabbath School, and one article read was a letter by Helen Poland sent to Roy Green many years ago, about the church school during the '30s. It was very interesting to hear about the beginning of the school, which is still in operation.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Brian Collette, who died recently. Brian was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Collette of South Paris.

Also, sympathy is extended to the family of Florence Redding, who died this past week.

While shopping at Ames this week, I had a chance to visit with

Ora Ryerson for a while. We chatted for quite some time and caught up on families. I worked beside Ora for many years at Penley Bros. many years ago. I'm always glad to see her and hear how she's doing.

I also had a very short visit with Lempi Health while waiting for a blood test at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Claribel Poland told me she sent a letter to the lady who wrote the large article on Molly Ockett that was in the Lewiston Sun paper a while ago. Claribel also sent a copy of a poem to her that was written by my mother, Helen Poland, about Molly Ockett. The poem was written many years ago, as my mother died in the early 1950s. The lady was real pleased and thought it was a wonderful work of poetry.

Happy birthday to my neighbor, Elizabeth Blazier, who has a birthday this month.

My thoughts go out to the family and friends of Sheila Verrill, who passed away one year ago this month. I still miss her.

My thoughts also go out to the wife, family and friends of Nick Clements, who died the same week as Sheila last year.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that whenever I've dialed a wrong number, it is never busy."

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

"Tis the season," and a lot of Andover residents are going out of their way to make it a brighter one.

The Calvary Congregational Church delivered over 60 plates of homemade goodies to people in the community, the Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church made and delivered over 30 plates, and the Andover Service Circle was caught delivering beautiful poinsettias. It isn't unusual for these organizations to be doing things like this; they do it all year long, but it's especially nice at Christmas. Thanks everyone.

The Andover Service Circle held their Christmas party on Dec. 10. Debby Ryan was hostess for 10 members. The Ladies Aid held their party on Dec. 8, with Betsey White as hostess. Betsey, in case you don't know, is the best (bar none) birthday cake maker in the Eastern United States, maybe in the world, but I don't want to exaggerate too much.

The people of the Town Office want to especially thank Pastor and Mrs. Waite for some of the best

fudge I've ever tasted.

Edna White of East Andover is announcing the marriage of her granddaughter, Angela White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell White. Angela will be married in Virginia (the state) on Dec. 18.

Andover Fire chief Ken Dixon was one of 20 firefighters from the area that went to Worcester, Mass., last Thursday to honor the six fallen firefighters. We are very proud that Andover was represented. Thank you, Ken.

If you are considering running for office in the Town of Andover for the coming election, nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on Dec. 21. The office will not be open on Dec. 24.

Phyllis asked me to remind all you dog owners out there that it's time to renew licenses.

Students, parents and teachers of Andover Elementary School would like to thank the Andover Service Circle for their recent donation for the purchase of the school Christmas tree. It is being enjoyed by all. And to all the folks at Mead Corporation, we greatly appreciate the generous gift of a carved eagle with eaglets. This beautiful wooden sculpture adorns the hall in front of the library; please stop by and see it.

Congratulations to all the elementary school students on their performances at the Christmas concert last Thursday. Special recognition goes out to instrumental students, Ben French and Matt Farrington on trumpets and Esther Pew on piano. Each of these students shared a short solo and did a fine job. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Linda Stowell, the music teacher, for her time and direction. Thanks, also, to the many parents and community members who came out to support the students. It was a packed house, and your support is greatly appreciated.

We had a little rehearsal for Y2K last Saturday night. The power was off for about four hours. As I lay in bed trying to read by candlelight, I wondered how it would have been to have lived a hundred years ago when most of the conveniences we have today, and take for granted, were not even thought of. Just think of it -- no flushing toilets, no running water, having to stumble around in the half-dark rooms of your home praying that you wouldn't drop the candle or the lamp and set the whole place on fire. I know that you don't miss what you have never had, and I've come to the conclusion that I am spoiled by the things that I just normally take for granted. Do you know what I missed most? The microwave -- I dirtied several pans just heating up some leftovers. I don't know who invented the microwave, but I thank him or her from the bottom of my heart.

I am trying to get through the next two weeks in an adult and dignified fashion. The Christmas season is not my favorite time of year, and my own mother has threatened to tape my mouth shut with electrician's tape if she hears "Bah, Humbug" from it one more time. But the other night I saw

something that made me feel like Christmas isn't such a bad thing after all. I was sitting waiting for bingo to start when a little girl about four years old came into the hall, she turned and saw the decorated tree and a look of wonder and joy came over her face. It was a beautiful thing to see, and I hope that the next time I want to say "Bah Humbug" I can remember her face.

Who has the biggest feet in the world? Matthew McGrory of Pennsylvania wears a size 26. His mother has to sew two socks together to make one big enough to fit him.

What do the colors on the American Flag stand for?

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham

This will be a short column. We have been spending our weekends looking for cars. I am still looking.

Not that I am fussy, I just want it all, a four-wheel drive vehicle with good gas mileage that is not too expensive. I'd also like air conditioning and cruise control. All the vehicles I've seen are too expensive and get too few miles to the gallon. That's okay, I can wait. My trusty Vista still runs fine, I just want a backup vehicle.

On our Saturday search, we went to Fryeburg and decided to come home via the forest -- Route 113. Mistake -- we got down the road a way, after going around a few trees, the wind was a blowing, and just after the notch, almost to the Gilead side of 113, there was a large tree blocking the road. So we turned around, and in our absence a tree that was hanging came down, along with a few wires. We made it around that and decided on taking the Government Road to Lovell. Bad idea. We went around one tree by going on the grass and then proceeded fine, until several miles down the road there was a large birch blocking the road, entirely. So we had to turn around, again. Turning hither and thither on back roads, we finally made it back to Route 5 and headed home. Here things were fine -- no trees down, the power was on, etc. Lovell and Stoneham were hit hard, though one wouldn't know it by listening to the news.

Even though I haven't been very neighborly and stopped in to visit, our new neighbors have moved in. It is nice to have people there for the winter. It gets lonely here when everyone leaves for the winter. Now that won't happen. Welcome neighbors.

That is all for this week. Next week I hope to do a better job. I will pay more attention to the area. Things are heating up and the road is getting busier, again. I just need to get out of my chair by the stove and discover what is going on. Have a good week, all. By next week we'll all have all our shopping done and be ready to relax.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 1999											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager	Blind Date	Ricki Lake		
(32)	Drummer	Random	Nobel Peace Concert				Christmas Miracles	700 Club			
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER	News			
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Behind Closed Doors IX	20/20 Downtown		News			
10	News-Lehrer	Maine.	Made In	Mystery!	Mystery!	Mystery!		Rumpole of the Bailey			
(22)	College Basketball: Cincinnati at St. Louis				College Basketball: Ohio State at Kansas				Sportscenter		
(34)	Waltons		Waltons		Waltons		Kenny Loggins		Dallas		
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder			Chicago Hope		48 Hours		News	
(41)	New England Tailgate		Boxing: Luis Barroso vs. Kennedy McKinney				Rugby: Currie Cup				
(15)	Unitas		Inside the NFL			Movie: "You've Got Mail"			Hookers at the Point		
(17)	Movie: "The Nutcracker Prince"			Movie: "Toothless"			Movie: "Windrunner"				
(18)	"A Perfect Murder" -		Movie: "Striking Poses"			Movie: "Vampires"		Hill and Run			
(20)	Front Row	Rugby: Currie Cup			Front Row		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope			Movie: "Radiant City"			Making		Golden
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	WCW Thunder			WCW Thunder		Chimp	WCW Thunder		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Skeeter	Skeeter	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched
(25)	"The Bishop's Wife"		Movie: "How Green Was My Valley"				Movie: "Brief Encounter"				
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger			Movie: "The Usual Suspects"				Walker, Texas Ranger	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography			Investigative Reports		Inside Story		Law & Order	
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"				News		MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 1999												
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Atlanta Thrashers						Frasier	Blind Date	Ricki Lake		
(32)	All Dogs Christmas		Movie: "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish"				Random	Random	700 Club			
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Law & Order		News			
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy-World	Odd Man	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20	News				
(10)	News-Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Served	Served	Van Gogh's Van Goghs				
(22)	Sportscenter of the Decade: The 1990s				Best of Up Close		50 Greatest	50 Greatest	Sportscenter			
(34)	Motor Madness		ECW Wrestling		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Motor Madness			
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Candid C.	Now and Again		Nash Bridges		News			
(41)	NBA Action	Football	Pro Football	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs				New England Tailgate				
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Ambushed"				Movie: "Diplomatic Siege"		Chris Rock			
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "The Big Green"				Movie: "Noah"		So Weird		Jersey		
(18)	"Crocodile Dundee II"		Movie: "Freak Talks About Sex"			Movie: "Practical Magic"		Atomic Tab.		Mutual		
(20)	Front Row	Between the Madness			Front Row		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News			
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Figure Skating: Cup of Russia				Once and Again			
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "A Christmas Story"					Movie: "Absolute Power"				
(24)	U Pick Nicktoons				Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched		
(25)	"Lullaby of Broadway"		Movie: "The Turning Point"				Cinema	Movie: "The Abominable Dr. Phibes"				
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop"				Movie: "Sweepers"			
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poitrot		Law & Order			
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "All I Want for Christmas"				News		MacGyver			
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports		Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 1999											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at St. Louis Blues						Star Trek: Voyager		
(32)	Movie: "Dutch" Cont'd		Movie: "The Christmas List"				Movie: "A Hobo's Christmas"				
6	Children's Hospital		Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"				Radio City-Gala		News	Sat. Night	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Preacher's Wife"				News		Patriots		
10	Made In	Opinion	National Geographic		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	
(22)	College Basketball: North Carolina at Miami			College Basketball: Cincinnati at Xavier					Sportscenter		
(34)	"The Gathering" Cont'd		Opry	Grand Opry	Gaither Gospel Hour		Christmas Time		Opry	Grand Opry	
13	ER		Early Edition		Martial Law		Walker, Texas Ranger		News		
(41)	Sports	Pro Football	Celtics		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Houston Rockets				Boxing		
(15)	"Shadrach" Cont'd		Movie: "In Dreams"			Comedy Hour: George Carlin			Shock Video 2000		
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "Cinderella"			Fantasia	Movie: "The Witches"			So Weird		
(18)	Movie: "Beaches" Cont'd		Movie: "Judgment Night"			Movie: "Kickboxer 2: The Road Back"			Scandalous		
(20)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Minnesota vs. Oregon				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	"Falsely Accused" Cont'd		Movie: "Secrets"				Oh Baby		Golden	Any Day Now	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Lone Star"				Movie: "Pacific Heights"				
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Amanda	Eddie	All That	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi		
(25)	"We're No Angels"		Movie: "The Desperate Hours"				Movie: "Winter a Go-Go"				
(26)	Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop"				Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop II"				Movie: "Exit to Eden"		
(27)	Love Chronicles		Holiday at Pops!				Movie: "The Lady in Question"				
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Chicago Bulls				News		Force of 1	
39	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Moneyweek	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight		

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 1999												
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Battle Dome			
(32)	"The Christmas Path"		Movie: "One Christmas"				Nobel Peace Concert					
(6)	Dateline		Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"						News	Big Break		
(8)	Movie: "Babe"				Snoops		Practice		News	Paid Prog.		
(10)	Pavarotti & Friends		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre			Crown	Mystery!			
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	NFL Football: Buffalo Bills at Arizona Cardinals					Sportsctr.				
(34)	Outdoors	Shooter	In-Fish	AmLegnds	Championship Rodeo	Hunting	Remington	ClassicCar	Lawn			
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Miracle on the 17th Green"				News			
(41)	College Basketball	NBA Action	Snow Show		Tennis: Legends of Time			Golfing	Celtics			
(15)	"Wrongfully Accused"		Movie: "Lethal Weapon 4"				Movie: "Witness Protection"					
(17)	So Weird	Gargoyles	Darkwing	Bonkers	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo"					
(18)	"Doctor Dolittle" Cont'd		Movie: "Full Eclipsa"			Movie: "Porky's Revenge"			Movie: "U.S. Marshals"			
(20)	Boxing: Sunday Night Fights			Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News			FOX Sports News			
(44)	Movie: "Deadly Matrimony" Cont'd					Any Day Now			Beyond Chance			
(5)	Movie: "Die Hard 2"					Movie: "Predator 2"						
(24)	Strange	Alex Mack	Little Bill	Nick News	Brady	Bewitched	Jeffersons	Taxi	M.T. Moore	HappyDay		
(25)	Sea Chase	Screen	Movie: "The Bridges at Toko-Ri"					Movie: "Force 10 From Navarone"				
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat	Pacific Blue		JAG			La Femme Nikita		Law & Order			
(27)	Top 10		Biography				Biography					
(12)	Movie: "Scrooge"				MacGyver		News	Replay	Wayans	Beastmr		
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacle	CNN & Time		Planet Wolf	Sports		NBA Wk.		

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 1999											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake	
(32)	"Babes in Toyland"						Movie: "All I Want for Christmas"	Famous Families	700 Club		
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Veronicas	Law & Order		Dateline		News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sports Rap Live		NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings						
10	Capitol Connection			Antiques Roadshow	Great Performances				Business	Pipes	
(22)	Monday Night Countdown				Figure Skating: NHK Trophy				ESPNNews		
(34)	Wallons	Holiday on Ice			Classic Christmas		Precious Memories		Dallas		
18	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Raymond	Raymond	Becker	Family Law		News		
(41)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics					Celtics	Edge	SnowAdvs	Adventure Quest		
(19)	"Wyatt Earp" Cont'd		Real Sports		Movie: "Norma Jean and Marilyn"					I Still Know	
(17)	Movie: "Mighty Joe Young"				Movie: "Horse Sense"			Movie: "Johnny Tsunami"			
(18)	"The Naked Gun" Cont'd				Movie: "Final Mission"		Movie: "A Perfect Murder"			Mistress	
(20)	Front Row	English Premier League Soccer: Teams TBA		Front Row FOX Sports News FOX Sports News FOX Sports News							
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Weddings-Life		Movie: "The Haunting of Helen Walker"				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Figure Skating: Vail Festival				Movie: "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle"				
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Rocket	Little Bill	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	
(25)	Manchurian Candidate		Fashion	Movie: "To Catch a Thief"				Movie: "The Big Carnival"			
(26)	JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Walker, Texas Ranger			
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poirot		Law & Order		
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "Gunlight at the O.K. Corral"				News		MacGyver		
(39)	Moneysline	Crossfire	World Today		Lann King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneysline	

Community Calendar

Activities

Public Computer Access: The Adult Learning Center is open for free computer use by adults during the Learning Center hours: Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3:30 to 7 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All lab users must complete a SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy regarding Internet and e-mail use. A public access computer is available at the Adult Education/ITV office at Telstar on Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 824-2780 to check on availability.

Gould Academy Art Show, Thru Dec. 17—Owen Art Gallery exhibit of photographs by Frank Van Ripper from his book, "Down East Maine: A World Apart." Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends by appointment. For information or appointment call 824-7700.

Art Show—Thru Dec. 31, at G.R.A.M.I. administrative office, Congress Street, Rumford, the artwork of Don and Maya Best will be featured. Meet the artists on opening night, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Donations to Coats for Kids may be dropped off at Hart's Stitch and Sew, Chandler Hill, Bethel.

REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline) is holding its annual raffle. Tickets for adults' and children's holiday gift baskets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at the REACH office, next to Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway; Norway Savings Bank in Oxford Wal-Mart; We've Got The Look, Main Street, Norway; Mollycoddett Marketplace Antique Center, West Paris, from any REACH staff person or volunteer; and on sale at Stephens Memorial Hospital lobby all day Friday, Dec. 17. Winning tickets will be drawn Dec. 22. For further information, call 743-9777.

Thursday, Dec. 16 (snowdate Dec. 20), 6:30 p.m.—Crescent Park School Holiday Concert.

Celebrating Fatherhood, sponsored by Community Concepts, will sponsor Infant and Toddler Play Time and Dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Gail Riley Center, South Paris. Sign up in advance by calling Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Friday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.—Caroling in West Bethel with Pleasant Valley Bible Church. Hot chocolate and goodies follow. For information, call 836-2828.

Yuletide Christmas Concert at Gould Academy. Call 824-7700 for information.

Ninth annual Christmas Cantata by Forestdale Christian School students, 7 p.m. preceded by 10 minutes of caroling, at Woodstock Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For more information, call 674-2934. Free and community encouraged to attend.

Stoneham Community Christmas Tree, with pizza and potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the Fire Station. Call 928-2284 or 928-2340 with number of children you plan to bring.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, 7 p.m.—"Oogie Boogie," an original play by Dennis Barker, will be presented by Lovell Theatre Company at Kezar Lake Grange Hall, North Lovell.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Make a mica ornament for your tree at Mt. Mann Jewelers, Main Street, Bethel. All ages. Call 824-3030 for more information.

Open House at the Good Food Store, 2 to 4 p.m., on Route 2, Bethel. Product sampling, holiday treats and seasonal recipes to share.

Free wagon rides. Meet at Bethel Fire Station.

Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m., at Locke Mills Union Church, by Ecumenical Choir directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments following.

Christmas caroling on Main Street, Bethel, with the Bethel Alliance Church. Meet at the gazebo on the Bethel common. All singers welcome.

Old-fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall, 8 to 11:30 p.m., to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Sunday River Ski Resort's pre-holiday bash. Tree lighting, snow tubing, ice skating at the NiteCap Fun Center. Live music at Bumps Pub. For more information, call 824-3000.

Ninth annual Christmas Cantata by Forestdale Christian School students, 11 a.m. preceded by 10 minutes of caroling, at Woodstock Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For more information, call 674-2934. Free and community encouraged to attend.

Christmas Carol Sing, sponsored by Waterford Library Association. Meet at the green in Waterford Flat at 7 p.m. Cider and cookies and visit by Santa after the library.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19—Cookie-stamp Christmas cookies demonstration at The Village Sampler. Special sale on Christmas tree ornaments. For information call 824-4438.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Breakfast with Santa at The Sudbury Inn. A gift for each child. For more information, call 824-2174.

The Living Nativity on Bethel Common, 5 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. at West Bethel Union Church. "Festival of Lessons and Carols," highlighted by anthems from choir, duets with Don and Connie, and songs by Jewel Clark.

"Oogie Boogie," an original play by Dennis Barker, will be presented by Lovell Theatre Company, 4 p.m., at Kezar Lake Grange Hall, North Lovell.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.—Mollycoddett Chapter of Trout Unlimited meeting at River Restaurant, Route 26, West Paris. Auction at 6:30 p.m. Slide presentation and talk by Ethan Gordon, noted aquatic photographer from 7 to 8 p.m. Public welcome. For information, call Lee at 743-9808.

Christian Women United meeting at Country Way Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. Speakers will be Douglas and Sonia Taylor of Lewiston. Those not contacted, call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724 for reservations.

Friday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., at Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26.

Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight service, 7 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Bible Church, West Bethel.

Christmas Eve service at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, 7 p.m. readings and carols and 11 p.m. candlelight service.

Friday, Dec. 31, starting 6 p.m.—second annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival featuring live music, dancing and fireworks at selected sights in Bethel village. Programs and advance sale tickets available by calling 824-2908.

Monday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m.—Mountain View Knitters meeting at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg. New members welcome. For more information, call Mrs. Snow (846-9381) of Mr. Hopper (603-383-9702).

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and luncheon at Bethel Methodist Church. Dues payable at this meeting. New members welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 10-12 a.m.—Celebrating Fatherhood, sponsored by Community Concepts, will sponsor an "Eggsperience" with Clay by using clay as medium and eggs as theme each will sculpt an object. To sign up in advance or for more information, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. Dec. 25 thru March.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church—at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month (824-2913).

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist—First and third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford; Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Seasonal only:

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Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.



Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

We are happy to say that Mrs. Durkee's winter house now has a family living in it. After a year of extensive renovation and remodeling, Paul and Jennifer Casey and their two daughters, Jessica and Caitlin, moved in Dec. 12. Becky and Maurice Kendall owned the property for many years and used it as a vacation home. They sold it to the LeComtes several years ago. Many visitors have trooped through the house, which was decorated as in the early '30s and '40s. The Caseys have worked very hard bringing it up to date, doing most of the work themselves. We offer a warm welcome to Upton and hope they will be happy in their new home.

Leslie and Andy Aron hosted a Christmas party for friends and fellow church members. A good time was had by all. Some folks were unable to participate due to icy road conditions in Grafton Notch.

Donna and Bob Folsom also held a party at their lake house. Donna is well known for her wonderful, unique Christmas decorating. The nine-foot tree was decorated with many hand-fashioned ornaments collected over the years. A covered-dish dinner was served.

Over the weekend I received a phone call from our old friend, Lillian Fuller Rose. She had read in the paper about the annual Ladies Aide Christmas party, which brought back fond memories. I have mentioned before that the children receive gifts, which are partially funded by the Jenkins Fund and partially by the Ladies Aide.

Mrs. Rose was acquainted with William Jenkins as a child in Upton. She told me some interesting facts about him. He always brought books and toys for the children. He strutted around town in a "Knickerbocker Suit." Once he brought Mrs. Rose a book titled "Live Dolls." She was about nine years old when she received it and treasured it greatly.

It is not clear at this time if Mr. Jenkins stayed at the Lake House or the Abbott House. His legacy lingers on in Upton. He has made many children happy at Christmas time over the years.

Winter must be here because I almost ran over a flock of pine grosbeaks on Route 26. These birds have always been a curiosity to me. We never see them in the summer or spring. We only see them in the winter. When seeds and wild fruits are scarce up north, they descend on Northern New England. They arrive in numbers, stripping any remaining food from beeches and cedars. In Upton we always see them in the middle of the road, pecking the salted sand. They pose a real danger to those who brake for birds when the road is icy. When they land in trees on snowy

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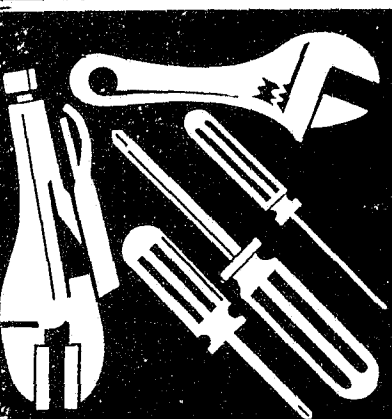
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days, their stocky robin-size bodies shake the snow from the limbs. They have stubby black beaks. The males are rosy red with two white wing bars. The head and rump are tinged with dull yellow. It is the largest of the finches and very tame. Lack of contact with man in the northern climes finds them lacking in fear. A similar species is the white-winged crossbill. Like all birds, he is a welcome visitor. He is also "The Bird of the Week."

Elsie Fuhr is improving since her fall two weeks ago. With a little rehabilitation she should be roller-skating down Route 26 by spring. All of her neighbors wish her a speedy recovery.

By the way, as of Dec. 13, the lake has not frozen over yet. The deer are visiting their haunts on Back Street. Marty Edwards says that some have come in for winter bedding. They haven't arrived "down the hill" yet.

Deep sympathy is offered to Donald Scott on the loss of his youngest son, Michael.

From the

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens met on Dec. 8 at the Bethel Inn for the annual Christmas party, with 70 members present. A ham dinner was served and the birthday cake was made by Helen Saunders and decorated by Arlene Bean.

Music was provided by Richard Felt, Don Canwell, Don and Connie Vautour, Tillie Meyers read a poem.

Santa arrived after dinner and with his helpers, Tillie Meyers, Cheryl Thibodeau and Arlene Lowell, distributed gifts to all.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 at the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Members are reminded that dues are payable at this meeting. New members are welcome.

December birthdays are: Julia Brown, Musa Brown, Camilla Everett, Bertha Foster, Richard Hosterman, Gertrude Hutchins, Ruby Judkins, Mary Paine, Edith Rowe, Lillian Machia, Sarah Stevens, Ruel Swain and Edna York.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

December is membership month at the Bethel Historical Society. Membership benefits include free admission to the museum, a 10 percent discount in the museum shop for all purchases totaling \$10 or more, a preferred rental rate for use of the facilities, special archival and library privileges, the quarterly publication, "The Courier," reduced course fees, voting rights in the society, and special invitations to society events.

Special gift membership certificates are available in the Museum Shop for those looking for something special for that significant person. The shop is open each day except Monday from 1-4 p.m. until Christmas. Further information can be obtained by calling the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or writing P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

Nearly \$10,000 has been contributed to the 1999 Bethel Historical Society Annual Fund to date. Among those making gifts during December are: Robert and Pauline Davis, Bethel, in memory of Marilyn Boyker Hammel; E. Dillon and Paula Gillies, Bethel; E. Earl and Mary C. Keniston, Bethel, in memory of Albert and Iva Keniston and Millard and Frances Clough;

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Participants are needed for the lighted vehicle parade on Dec. 31, to kick off the second annual New Year's Bethel celebration. Please call Geoff Gaudreau (824-2807), John Kimball (824-3191), or the society (824-2908) for further information.

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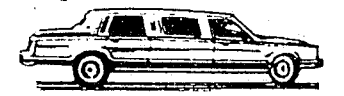


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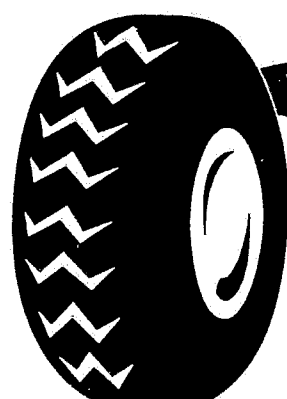
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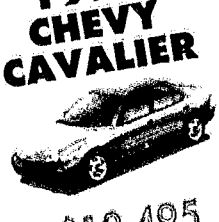
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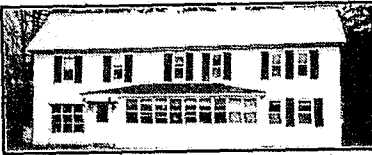
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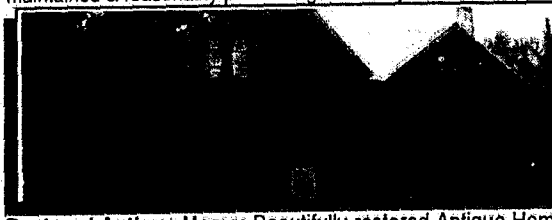
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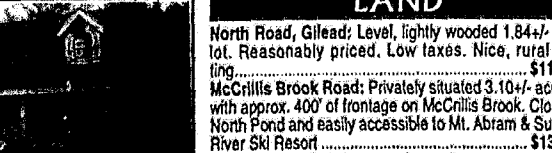
Village Farmhouse - West Paris: Attractive Village home tastefully renovated. Spacious Kit, Dining Room leading to a lg deck overlooking the river. Nice yard w/swing set & trampoline included. Spacious, newly renovated master bedroom plus 2 additional bedrooms. Priced to sell at \$89,000



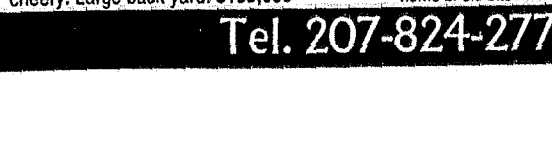
Paradise Rd, Bethel - Loc at the top of Paradise Road in one of Bethel's most desirable areas w/surrounding premier homes. This quality Colonial features a spacious open floor plan, m. bdrm suite, full daylight bsmt & a 2 car garage. Enjoy beautiful min views & sunrises. A quality offering. \$243,500



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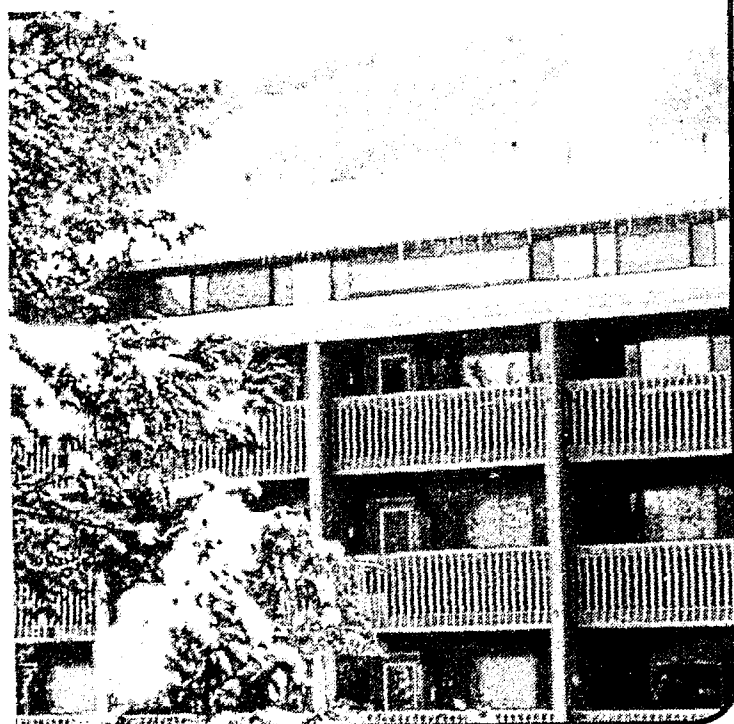
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Barker Rd, Albany Updated 1 bdrm, 1 ba, fully furnished year round cabin. Close proximity to Sunday River and great skiing. Priced to sell at only \$39,900!



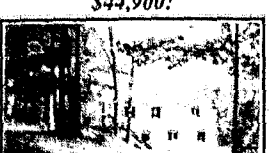
Opera House Condo, Bethel! Nicely kept top floor unit with loft sleeping area, 1 ba. Fully equipped, furnished. Convenient in-town location for only \$44,900!



Farmhouse in West Bethel! Gorgeous home features 3+ bdrms. 1.5 ba, country kitchen, spectacular barn and more! Priced to sell! Only \$126,900!



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Obituaries

JEAN M. WHITING

Mrs. Jean (McCune) Whiting, 62, of North Road, Gilead, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, of coronary disease.

She was born in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Percy and Ardele (Potter) McCune and was educated in New Hampshire and Massachusetts schools and graduated from Berlin, N.H., High School. She was also a graduate of Chamberlain School of Retailing.

Mrs. Whiting was employed by the following: as a buyer for H.C. Prange in Sheboygan, Wis., as an executive secretary at Converse Rubber Co. in Berlin, Casco Bank in Portland, Bancroft and Martin of South Portland, and also with E.C. Jordan Engineering Company in Portland.

Mrs. Whiting lived in Sheboygan, Wis.; Berlin, N.H.; Cumberland; Plattsburg, N.Y.; Saranac Lake, N.Y.; Sterling, Mass., and retired to Gilead. She leaves many friends in each community. She was an avid bridge player.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard of Gilead; a son, Larry M. and his wife Charlene of Anchorage, Alaska; a daughter, Mary Beth Walz and her husband Michael of Portland; three grandchildren; and many cousins.

Funeral services were held at the family home at Twitchell Brook

Farm, Gilead, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12. Family interment will be in Velvidere, Vt.

VIRGINIA E. HERRICK

Virginia E. Herrick, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris.

She was born in Auburn on July 25, 1917, the daughter of Elwood A. and Bernice McKeen Sanborn. She was educated in Auburn schools, graduated from Edward Little High School in the class of 1935, and from St. Mary's School of Nursing. Mrs. Herrick worked as a nurse and as director of nursing homes in Norway and West Paris.

She married Ned I. Herrick on June 14, 1963; he died on July 15, 1989.

She was past president of the Ring-McKeen American Legion Auxiliary Post 151 in West Paris. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in South Woodstock, and was an active volunteer of the Ledgeview Living Center activity program.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Andrew (Kathy) Bartlett of West Bethel; a grandson, Mark and his wife Michelle Bartlett of Bryant Pond; a granddaughter, Kelly and her husband Dan Myers of Bethel; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock. Burial will be at the Wayside Cemetery in West Paris. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make contributions in Vir-

ginia's memory to the Activity Fund at Ledgeview Living Center, P.O. Box 69, West Paris, ME 04289

EMMONZENE E. HUTCHINS

Emmonzene Elizabeth Hutchins, 75, of Portland, formerly of Strong, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at her home in Portland, following a long bout with cancer.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1924, in Kingfield, the daughter of Emmons and Gelia Weymouth Hutchins. She graduated from Strong High School, Class of 1941; Farmington Normal School, Class of 1944; University of Maine, Orono, Class of 1945, with a bachelor of science degree in education; and in 1956 received her master's degree in education.

She taught school in Branford, Conn., and in South Portland.

She was devoted to her family. She liked nature, culinary arts and to travel.

She was a member of United Methodist Church of Strong, Strong Aurora Grange, Strong Extension, Strong Historical Society, the University of Maine at Farmington Southwestern Maine Alumni Chapter, Portland Club of University of Maine Alumnae and the Maine Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include three brothers, Richard Hutchins of Portland, Mel-

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Lovingly remembered on your birthday, Mom

burn Hutchins of Hanover and Clinton Hutchins of Pownal, Vt.; a sister, Dorothy Hutchins Curtis of East Vassalboro; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the United Methodist Church, Strong, with the Rev. Gary Akeley officiating. Interment will be in Strong Village Cemetery. Friends wishing may make donations in her memory to the Strong Methodist church Memorial Fund, c/o Harry Tiffany, RR2, Box 440, Strong, ME 04983.

GEORGE STOWELL

George Stowell, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a thoroughbred horse trainer until his retirement.

During his retirement years, Mr. Stowell delivered newspapers in the Bethel area.

He was a member of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post 68 in Locke Mills.

Survivors include many close friends, including the Albert Henley families of Locke Mills and the William Roberts family of Bethel.

Funeral services were held at the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock, on Dec. 14. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to the Maine Veterans Home, 4777 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

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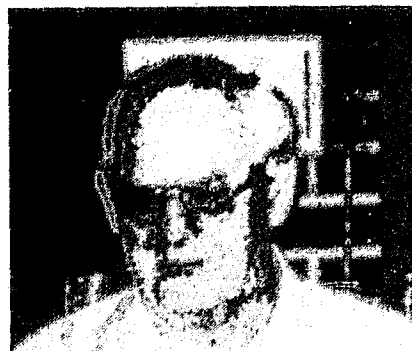
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ALLAN M. FRASER

Allan Millard Fraser, 81, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at the Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris, with family at his side.

Mr. Fraser was born in Kennebago on Sept. 7, 1918, son of John Millard and Adelia Morse Fraser. He graduated from Andover High School in 1935 and went to work in the woods with his father. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1941 and was assigned to the 503rd Fighter Squadron, 339th Fighter Group based in England. Upon returning to Maine in 1945, he went back to work in the woods that he loved.

He made his home in Andover with his wife, Violet, near the covered bridge.

Prior to his retirement he became an antique dealer and made many friends over the years.

He was a lifetime member of the Bethel Historical Society, a member of the Andover Historical Society, past member of the Rumford Historical Society, twice past master of the Lone Mountain Grange of Andover and past member of the Bethel VFW.

Since 1980 he had made his home in Bethel with his sister-in-law, Doris Fraser.

Survivors include a son, Calvin Baker of Mexico; a sister, Peg Webber of Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife, Violet Baker Fraser, and a brother, Donald.

At his request there will be no funeral service. Donations may be made in his memory to the Bethel Historical Society, PO Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217 or the Andover Historical Society, c/o Beverly Swan, Andover, ME 04216.

Births

Tania and John Eliot Jr. are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Joshua Joseph, born on Sept. 5, 1999 in Anchorage, Alaska, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are James Cyr of Colorado and the late Joan Drummond.

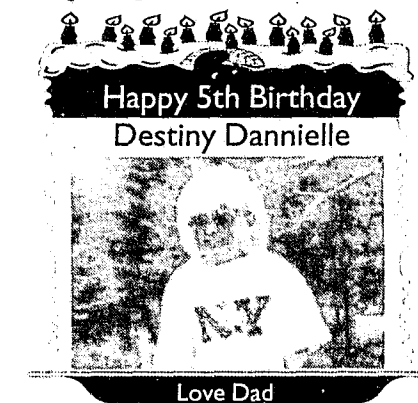
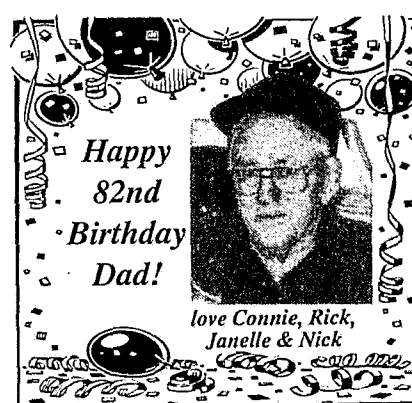
Maternal great-grandparents are the late Joe Cormier and Jeanne Cormier of Van Buren.

Paternal grandparents are John F. Eliot Sr. of Florida and Cheryl Eliot of Bethel.

Paternal great-grandparents are Wilfred and June Duchette of Norway.

Suzanne Lagasse of Harrison is pleased to announce the arrival of her daughter, Kylee Nicole Lagasse, born on Dec. 11, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Florence Lagasse of Livermore and Joseph Lagasse of Sabattus.



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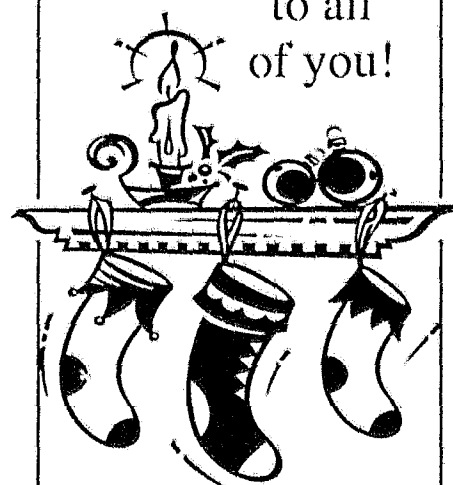
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